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# Running for a few good causes



John Mitchell, left, poses with Gilda's Society of Nova Scotia co-founders T.J. Brennan, centre, and Natalie Clifford outside Veith House. JEFF HARPER/METRO

**BLUE NOSE MARATHON**  
**More charities than ever lacing up the sneakers**

**Kristen Lipscombe**  
Metro | Halifax

Even during the most difficult times, a simple teddy bear can bring a smile to a child's face. That's why Friends of Gilda's Nova Scotia is hitting the pavement this Victoria Day weekend. About two dozen runners taking part in the 12th annual Scotiabank Blue Nose Marathon in Halifax will be raising cash for the volunteer group's Bear Buddies program, which provides fuzzy friends for kids under 12 who are experiencing someone close to them suffering from cancer. "There are kids across the province who have cancer in their life, who may not have cancer themselves," Friends of

Gilda's chair T.J. Brennan, 28, said Thursday. "Mom or dad has cancer, a friend at school has cancer, grandma, cousin, sibling," she explained, "and these kids ... very rarely have access to child-appropriate information (to answer) 'What is cancer and why does this person I love have it?'" The first Atlantic Canadian arm of Gilda's Club Worldwide sends kids affected by cancer special packages containing a big stuffed bear, along with information to facilitate communication about a sometimes "scary and confusing" disease. "We have the full letter explaining that cancer's not contagious, sometimes people die of cancer, but we can't predict who that's going to be or when that's going to happen," Brennan said. "So the most important thing is to keep giving hugs, and to keep being there and to keep asking questions." Friends of Gilda's Nova Scotia is one of 81 charities participating in the Scotiabank Charity Challenge, a record number that has jumped from 17 at the



Runners get ready to start the 10K event at the Blue Nose Marathon in 2013. METRO FILE

Blue Nose Marathon over the past six years. Financial goals have quadrupled, with the bar set this year at 1,200 runners and walkers hoping to make \$530,000 for clients of groups ranging from the Ecology Action Centre to Symphony Nova Scotia, among many others. The Charity Challenge includes all six running events Saturday and Sunday, with a total \$25,000 being awarded by marathon organizers to top

performing non-profit groups in categories such as most fundraising runners and most fundraising dollars. "Our mission is for Nova Scotia to be healthy and active," Blue Nose Marathon co-chair Rod McCulloch said in a news release. "Raising half a million dollars annually to help people in our community serves our mission." Friends of Gilda's Nova Scotia hopes to raise \$8,000 in its

biggest fundraiser of the year, which is enough for about 200 bears to comfort kids. But adults can also benefit from the provincial branch of Gilda's Club Worldwide, which was named after late Saturday Night Live comedian Gilda Radner, an advocate of emotional and psychological support for anyone affected by cancer, at any age. Brennan founded Friends of Gilda's Nova Scotia last year along with fellow Armbrae

## What you need to know

- 1 Brunswick Street between Duke Street and Sackville Street, Sackville Street between Brunswick Street and South Park Street, and Cogswell Street between Gottingen and Brunswick Street will be closed Saturday and Sunday.
- 2 Nantucket Avenue between Wyse Road and Victoria Road, as well as the southbound curb lane on Barrington Street between Devonshire Avenue and North Street, will be closed Sunday.
- 3 The Angus L. Macdonald Bridge will be closed between 6:30 a.m. and 12:30 p.m. on Sunday.
- 4 Halifax Transit is offering free bus and ferry service, while Impark is offering \$2 per day parking in some lots, for participants and volunteers.
- 5 Visit [halifax.ca](http://halifax.ca) and [blue-nosemarathon.com](http://blue-nosemarathon.com) for more.

### + WEEKEND SCHEDULE

**Friday**  
9 a.m. to 6 p.m. — Registration at World Trade and Convention Centre  
6 p.m. — 3K "friendship run" starting at Running Room on Spring Garden Road

**Saturday**  
11 a.m. — Doctors Nova Scotia Youth Run\*  
3 p.m. — Johnson Insurance 5K Run\*

**Sunday**  
8 a.m. — Scotiabank Full Marathon & Heritage Gas Marathon Team Relay\*  
8:10 a.m. — Recharge with Milk Half Marathon\*  
8:50 & 8:55 a.m. — Good-life Fitness 10K Run\*  
7 p.m. — Blue Nose Marathon after-party at World Trade & Convention Centre

**\* Start at Sackville Street near Queen Street**

Academy alumnae Natalie Clifford and Abby Bryant. Bryant, 20, died of complications from childhood leukemia last May 8, just before the 2014 Blue Nose Marathon. Friends of Abby's — and Friends of Gilda's — will be walking this Saturday's five-kilometre event. "She wanted to make sure that kids who went through a childhood like she did, have a place where (they) belong."



# Couple donates \$1M to Dalhousie University

## MEDICAL RESEARCH

**Cash will help advance cancer research and treatment**



**Stephanie Taylor**  
Metro | Halifax

A new \$1-million donation promises to transform Dalhousie University and Halifax into regional centres for melanoma research, according to school officials.

On Thursday, a ceremony was held at the university's Life Sciences Research Institute to celebrate the \$1-million donation to the Dalhousie Medical Research Foundation by philanthropists Allan and Leslie Shaw.

Speaking to a crowd of dozens of university officials, the couple explained the funds will go towards the purchasing of new lab equipment and creating more grant opportunities for researchers.

"Researchers could not do the work they do without private funding," said Dr. Tom Marrie, dean of Dalhousie's medical school.

Of the new equipment, three new machines will be bought in order to help increase the speed and accuracy of diagnostic testing for melanoma, the couple said.

The new machines will be housed in the recently opened melanoma clinic at the QEII Health Sciences Centre, a one-of-a-kind clinic in Atlantic Canada.

Leslie Shaw told the crowd of her own struggle with melanoma and the uncertainty she experienced during a lengthy wait to receive a proper diagnosis.



**Research leads to better teaching, leads to better patient outcomes.**

Dalhousie University President, Dr. Richard Florizone



**Allan and Leslie Shaw smile in the crowd after being given lab coats at the Dalhousie Life Sciences Research Centre on Thursday. The Shaws donated \$1 million to the Dalhousie Medical Research Foundation.** JEFF HARPER/METRO

She described herself as fortunate to have the means to access a dermatologist and other reliable specialists, saying many other Nova Scotians are not as

lucky.

Dr. Richard Langley, professor and director of research at the medical school's department of dermatology, said the Shaws' gift will give the clinic access to new technologies that will help doctors detect and treat melanoma earlier in patients.

"We have a cancer that's curable when caught early and a survival rate of months if you

miss it," he told the crowd.

Diagnosing the cancer is extremely challenging because its signs vary from patient to patient, Langley said, explaining that dermatologists will now be able to use more advanced diagnostic testing techniques besides looking with the naked eye, such as examining layers of skin below the surface using a vibration machine.

## HEALTH FACTS

**Melanoma in Nova Scotia**  
Nova Scotia has one of the highest rates of melanoma in Canada, according to Dr. Richard Langley of Dalhousie University's Department of Dermatology.



**The Halifax Infirmary**  
JEFF HARPER/METRO

## HEALTH

**Delayed surgeries will be rebooked**



**Haley Ryan**  
Metro | Halifax

Hundreds of patients who had their surgeries postponed last month should have a new date within the next few weeks, the senior director for the QEII Health Sciences Centre said Thursday.

Karen Mumford told reporters that of the 563 patients who had their surgeries postponed, 175 had been completed or rescheduled as of Thursday and all operating rooms are now functioning at full capacity.

"We are hopeful that over the next couple months that they will be booked," Mumford said.

"I cannot say that at 100 per cent of all surgeries that'll be the case, but as many as possible."

Mumford said their recovery plan for the surgeries involves using additional operating room time over the summer, sending patients to Dartmouth General and Hants Community Hospital, and some to their "external partner" Scotia Surgery.

Black debris was discovered on medical instruments in April due to a problem with the QEII's sterilizers, and Mumford said the new ones will hopefully be operational in eight to 10 weeks.

The QEII is still sending their instruments to be sterilized at other sites in the Nova Scotia Health Authority, Mumford said, so they are being "selective" in booking the 100 to 120 daily surgeries to make sure there's not four or five in the same operating room that need the same medical instruments because their flexibility is reduced.

Of the roughly half of the 175 patients who have now been rescheduled, Mumford said that some have booked new dates in May as well as June and July.

"We're very hopeful that we're moving in the right direction and confident we'll continue to do that," Mumford said.

## LONG WEEKEND

# What's open and closed for Victoria Day in Halifax

Both grocery and liquor stores will be open this Victoria Day Monday for Halifaxians to stock up for a holiday barbecue.

Both Atlantic Superstores and Sobeys are open regular hours, while the NSLC loca-

tions are also open normal hours until 10 p.m.

Garrison Brewing's Marginal Road location is open until 7 p.m. and Propeller's Halifax site is open until 8 p.m.

All Halifax Library branches are closed on Monday, as

well as banks.

Halifax Transit buses, Access-A-Bus and the Alderney ferry will both be running on their holiday schedules on Monday.

There will be no regular solid waste collection on Vic-

toria Day, according to the city, so curbside collection normally scheduled for that day will happen instead this Saturday.

The Halifax Shopping Centre and Mic Mac Mall are open from 9:30 a.m. to 5 p.m.

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# Outfitting the urbanites

## BUSINESS

### U.S. chain opens first Halifax location



**Stephanie Taylor**  
Metro | Halifax

Roommates Emma McMillan and Alexia Lawi couldn't wait to get out of bed Thursday morning.

Although Barrington Street was bathed in sunshine and the air was warm with the full arrival of spring, the pair of Dalhousie University students had another reason to have an extra bounce in their step as they ventured to downtown Halifax.

The two were among the first to gather outside the brand new Urban Outfitters, which after months of public anticipation finally swung open its doors for a soft opening Thursday at 10 a.m.

"We ran down here from our house. We thought it opened at 9, and we thought



A small crowd gathered for the opening of Urban Outfitters on Barrington Street on Thursday.

JEFF HARPER/METRO

we were really late," Lawi said just a few minutes before going inside.

Rumours began circulating that the American retailer was setting up shop in the former home of Sam the Record Man in February, when 'coming soon' signs



**We ran down here from our house ... we thought we were really late.**

Alexia Lawi

were spotted in the shuttered window fronts and online job postings revealed a location was opening somewhere in the city.

With speculation came the question of what the opening of a big-name chain would mean for the revival of Bar-

rington Street.

Lawi and McMillan could hardly contain their excitement about getting their hands on the retailer's hipster-chic wares, from paisley decorated ceramics to spring dresses, patterned with bright geometric shapes.

The group of onlookers swelled as more 20-somethings gathered to gaze in through the storefront windows, eyeing a display of film cameras and lenses.

It's the retailer's brand of hipster-indie style that will attract thousands of the city's university students downtown from their south-end residences, Lawi explained.

"A lot of students definitely have that style, like this store definitely represents that, so I think it's going to do really well here."

McMillan, however, wasn't interested in speculating on the store's success.

"I'm just so excited to get shopping," she said.

According to the Urban Outfitters blog, the store will have an opening party from 7 to 9 p.m. on Friday evening.

## YOUR CITY

### District 7 to vote on budget

Halifax residents in the south-end and downtown area will have an opportunity to vote on which community projects they believe will better their neighbourhood.

For the third year in a row, Coun. Wayne Mason of District 7 is hosting participatory budgeting — a process that allows area residents to vote on how to spend \$94,000 of annual discretionary funds.

In the past, projects funded have included the Halifax Music Co-op and Metro Non-Profit Housing.

This year, residents can vote between 15 different projects, ranging from new picnic tables to bike racks, street furniture and a new playground.

All projects will be presented in science-fair style, with nearby volunteers to answer questions.

Voting will take place in the Lindsay Children's Room of the Halifax Central Library next Tuesday from 6 to 8:45 p.m., with winners announced around 9 p.m. Residents of all ages are able to cast a ballot. METRO

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**BIG DAY BAGPIPES FOR GRADS** University of King's College students are piped across Dalhousie campus as they head to their graduation ceremony Thursday. Many universities in Halifax are holding convocations this month. JEFF HARPER/METRO

# Hot car can spell death for your dog

## ANIMAL WELFARE

### Car interiors heat up quickly in bright sun, police warn

Officers responded Thursday to another five reports of dogs being left in vehicles throughout the Halifax area.

Halifax Regional Police didn't lay charges in any of those incidents, but continue to caution pet owners that "car interiors can heat up quickly on these bright sunny days."

Police have warned the public on numerous occasions that even with the windows cracked open, a parked vehicle can very quickly become like a furnace.

Pets run the risk of overheating, even if they're left for only a few minutes at a time.

Residents should always plan accordingly, police said, such as by bringing a friend along to keep your pet company or shopping at stores that allow pets.

According to police, people should call 911 if they see a pet in distress.

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# 15

**Police are cautioning pet owners again about the danger of leaving pets in cars in summer weather. Earlier this month, officers reported 15 cases of dogs being left in hot cars — all at shopping areas — over a one-week period.**

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# Neighbours taking up man's fight for justice

## HEALTH

### Senior claims he came out a paraplegic after surgery



**Kristen Lipscombe**  
Metro | Halifax

Thomas Downey said he walked into a Halifax hospital for spinal surgery but was never able to walk out.

Downey left as an "incomplete paraplegic," he told Metro on Thursday. "I walked in and came out in a wheelchair."



**I hope to hell this doesn't happen to ... anybody else.**

Thomas Downey

The 59-year-old Halifax man and a handful of his neighbours from Sir John Thompson Manor gathered outside the Halifax Law Courts downtown during the noon hour, holding up yellow signs with claims of "no justice" scribbled across them.

All were in scooters or electric wheelchairs.

A decade after he went under the knife to remove "a bone spur touching my spinal column," discovered because he was suffering from leg pain, Downey still maintains that doctors botched the procedure. He recently lost his lawsuit against the specialists involved but isn't satisfied with what happened in court this past January.

"He explained it as going to be a simple operation; it was nothing to worry about," Downey said of one doctor, adding he was told, "I would be walking in two days, (with) four weeks of recovery."

Downey claims he wasn't aware there was a risk of be-



**Protesters rally outside the Halifax Law Courts downtown on Thursday.** JOSH BROWN/FOR METRO

ing paralyzed. He's selling his Liverpool Street home, had to re-home two dogs and now lives on disability payments at

an affordable-housing building on Leppert Street.

"That's why I'm fighting the system," he said.

## Unlocked cars, sheds lure thieves: Police

Don't forget to lock your car doors.

Halifax RCMP are reminding citizens to secure their vehicles and valuables after a recent spike in thefts from cars and sheds, particularly in the Middle Sackville and Lower Sackville areas.

"Unfortunately we are seeing an increase (in) vehicle and shed break-ins as weather has started to warm up," RCMP spokesman Cpl. Greg Church said in a news release.

"In many cases these are crimes of opportunity and can be prevented by locking (up)."

The Mounties recommend preventative measures such as communicating with neighbours to ensure any suspicious activ-



**In many cases these are crimes of opportunity and can be prevented.**

RCMP spokesman  
Cpl. Greg Church

ity is reported to police, closing windows all the way, taking loose change and electronic devices out of your car, removing shopping bags from view, never leaving your vehicle running unattended, facing the street when parking, using your garage when possible and always locking your doors. METRO



## IN BRIEF

### Man killed as motorcycle crashes into ditch

Police in Nova Scotia are investigating a fatal motorcycle crash. The RCMP say a 52-year-old man was killed on Thursday when he lost control of the motorcycle he was driving on

Brooklyn Street in Weston and crashed into a ditch.

The man, who is from the Annapolis County, died at the scene. Police say his name won't be released.

The accident took place around 11:30 a.m.

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A worker cleans up a side entrance to St. Catherine's School after heavy snow in March. JEFF HARPER/METRO

# Big bucks for big repairs

## EDUCATION

### N.S. spending more than \$15M on about 40 schools



**Philip Croucher**  
Metro | Halifax

More than 40 schools across Nova Scotia, including 15 in the Halifax region, have been earmarked for capital repair funding from the province.

The overall figure to be shared by 43 schools totals more than \$15 million, says the province's Department of Education.

Some of the work to be done is a result of roof problems due to heavy snow, including at J.L. Ilsley High School and Beechville Lakeside Timberlea Sr. Elementary.

"This year our schools have dealt with challenging weather conditions, which makes these repairs very important," Education and Early Childhood Development Minister Karen Casey said in a statement.

"These repairs will help to maintain a high-quality learning environment in our schools, which benefits all of our students, teachers and staff."

The province says it doesn't know the specific costs for each school, as the work has yet to be tendered. That will be happening soon.

## + HALIFAX SCHOOLS

The following is a list of schools receiving capital repairs in the Halifax region, and the work scheduled to be done:

- Astral Drive Junior High School: roof section replacement pitch and flat
- Beechville Lakeside Timberlea Sr. Elementary School: roof section replacement, install heat coil in ventilation system
- Bicentennial School: gym roof replacement, ventilation, windows, administration access control, driveway upgrades, program space upgrades



**Halifax West High School: masonry repairs to front façade, heat pump replacements** METRO FILE

- Brookhouse Elementary School: roof section replacement
- Central Spryfield School: structure repairs
- Eastern Shore District High School: administration access control, programs space upgrades, gym floor upgrade, ventilation system installation, driveway reconfigure/repave



**J.L. Ilsley High: windows, roof over arts room, driveway reconfigure, masonry repointing** METRO FILE

- École du Carrefour: roof section replacement
- École du Grand-Portage: building envelope changes, including new windows
- Gorsebrook Junior High School: roof section replacement
- Ross Road School: replace/upgrade wastewater treatment plant
- St. Catherine's Elementary School: roof replacement, windows upgrade
- Uniacke District School, Mount Uniacke: installation of hydraulic lift, concrete ramp access and installation of siding

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## HIGHWAY 101

# Not a beary good time for pregnant woman

A woman in labour had an adventurous trip to the hospital on Thursday.

Around 3:30 a.m., Aylesford and District firefighters responded to a report of a collision between a vehicle and a bear on Highway 101 east of Exit 16.

One of the passengers in the vehicle was a woman in labour. Paramedics responded to the

scene, and she was transported the rest of the way to hospital by ambulance.

The vehicle sustained significant damage, but there were no serious injuries.

Firefighters conducted a search for the bear, which could not be located. TC MEDIA



**A vehicle carrying a woman in labour struck a bear on Thursday.** METRO FILE

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# Couple scratches its way to \$1M

## LOTTERY

### MacIsaacs are long-time volunteers in the community



Stephanie Taylor  
Metro | Halifax

One Nova Scotia woman received an early Mother's Day gift she won't soon forget.

Last weekend, Evelyn MacIsaac of New Glasgow went downstairs to find an early Mother's Day card from her husband, which inside contained a \$100 Million Fortune Scratch N' Win ticket.

According to a release issued Thursday, MacIsaac was soon rushing to the bedroom, asking her husband John to confirm that they were winners of a top prize of \$1 million.

**“We haven't changed. The bank account may have changed, but we haven't and don't intend to.”**

John MacIsaac

room, asking her husband John to confirm that they were winners of a top prize of \$1 million.

“I really can't explain the feeling you get,” Evelyn MacIsaac said in a release. “I didn't believe it.”

The couple are involved in their community as volunteers and board members of the Victoria Order of Nurses and the Nova Scotia International

Tattoo.

The couple is planning to spend its winnings on a European river cruise to celebrate their 55th wedding anniversary next year. Trips to Australia and New Zealand are also on the horizon.

The winning ticket was purchased at Big Al's Convenience in New Glasgow. The retailer will receive a one per cent seller's prize.



John and Evelyn MacIsaac with their winning cheque.

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## DEVELOPMENT

### Province partners to preserve building

The Nova Scotia government says it is exploring options for developing a historic building in downtown Halifax that include maintaining its facade or keeping the entire structure.

Internal Services Minister Labi Kousoulis says the government will partner with a private-sector company to at least maintain the facade of the Dennis Building.

But Kousoulis says some discussions have focused on restoring the provincially owned building within its current structure.

He says one suggestion was to turn the building on the corner of Granville and George streets into a boutique hotel.

**1863**

The National Trust website says the Dennis Building was built in 1863 by T & E Kenny Drygoods.

Kousoulis says the province will make a decision on the plan for the building within the next few months.

He says mould and asbestos are currently being removed, with those efforts expected to wrap up by early summer.

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## IN BRIEF

### Encana takes Deep Panuke out of production

Encana has temporarily taken its Deep Panuke offshore natural-gas platform in Nova Scotia out of production due to water problems.

The energy company warned in November that water levels in the reservoir were higher than was expected so early in the

development, which began production in August 2013.

Encana says it plans to resume production closer to winter, when demand is the greatest.

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**PICTOU LANDING COTTAGE DESTROYED IN FIRE** On Thursday morning Pictou Landing, Pictou Landing Reserve and Little Harbour fire departments all responded to a structure fire which started around 7 a.m. There is no word on what caused the fire. NEW GLASGOW NEWS

## TRURO

## Accused in hot pizza attack appears in court

A Truro woman who is accused of assaulting a Dartmouth woman with a hot pizza slice hid her face with a hoodie and hurriedly left the provincial court building after a brief appearance this week.

Holly Cherie Johnston, 30, is accused of assault causing bodily harm to Paige Beaudry.

The alleged offence occurred in the early morning hours of April 5 when

Beaudry and her boyfriend went to Pizza Market on the Esplanade for a late-night snack.

Beaudry, whose face was burned in the incident, previously said she was assaulted after she spoke to a man who had cut in front of her in the lineup.

Beaudry's facial injuries are to the point where she was reportedly consulting with a plastic surgeon.

Johnston is scheduled to return to court on June 3 in order to enter a plea to the charge.

After leaving the courtroom on Wednesday, Johnston immediately pulled a hoodie over her head to cover her face and was then assisted by a male companion in an effort to prevent her from being photographed by reporters.

TRURO DAILY NEWS



**Paige Beaudry sustained burns to the face after being assaulted.** JEFF HARPER/METRO

## School board wants to oust a member

## AMHERST

### Board claims MacQuarrie violated code of ethics

The Chignecto-Central Regional School Board is asking Education Minister Karen Casey to fire Truro school board member Susan MacQuarrie for violating several provisions of its code of ethics.

The board passed a motion to censure MacQuarrie during a Wednesday night meeting in Amherst.

"This is not a pleasant day for us," vice-chairman Keith MacKenzie said the morning after the motion to censure. "This is not an event that has ever happened before in our history and hopefully will not again. It certainly was only after a great deal of effort, process, talking, interviewing and so on that it came to this."

"It's something we did everything in our power to avoid and unfortunately, in order to conduct business and carry on in a manner that we have to, considering we have 23,000 students, this is what it came down to."

The vote came following an investigation by an external, independent lawyer into allegations of harassment made by MacQuarrie against superintendent Gary Clarke and chairwoman Trudy Thompson following a meeting on Jan. 14.

MacQuarrie did not respond to a request for comment by the Truro Daily News on Thursday regarding the motion.

The investigation report by lawyer Jack Graham concluded the allegations were "completely unfounded" and called into question the board member's actions in instigating the investigation and her behaviour as an elected member, uncovered by the investigation.

MacQuarrie filed her complaint on Jan. 19 and Graham was retained on Feb. 23 by the board's solicitor, Bruce MacIntosh of MacIntosh, MacDonnell & MacDonald. MacQuarrie accused both Clarke and Thompson of intentional intimidation, humiliation and bullying regarding the manner in which public and in camera sessions of the board were conducted to her personal detriment.

MacQuarrie was not present at the board meeting, but still had the right to vote on the motion to censure. TC MEDIA

### BACKGROUND

Education Minister Karen Casey said Thursday she had received the recommendation. She now has to review information leading up to that recommendation before action can be taken. "It's very rare that that ever happens in the history of our province," said Casey.

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# Bluenose II on track to sail this summer

## TRANSPORTATION

### Minister says things going well in restoration

Nova Scotia's transportation minister says the Bluenose II is on track to start sailing early this summer, more than four years after the restoration pro-

ject was originally scheduled to be complete.

Geoff MacLellan said Thursday crews have finished half of the roughly 25 items on a list that needs to be complete before the replica of the famed racing schooner can sail.

The focus is now on items related to compliance with rules set out by the American Bureau of Shipping, he said.

"Things are going relatively well," MacLellan said following

a weekly cabinet meeting. "Obviously for us it's really bated breath until we can get her out on the water and make sure that everything is working as planned."

MacLellan said he'll be in Lunenburg next week to meet with the crew of the Bluenose II for the first time.

The cost of the project is still around \$20 million, with about \$5 million on top of that in dispute, he said.

Earlier this year, the provincial auditor general said the project could cost the province three times the original budget because the Heritage Department failed to follow basic management practices.

Auditor general Michael Pickup said the rebuild was undermined by a lack of planning and poor oversight.

His audit released in January said the department didn't define the responsibilities for

contractors, failed to prepare a proper budget and drafted a weak construction contract.

When the restoration was announced in 2009 by the province and Ottawa, the budget was set at \$14.4 million, half of which was to come from a federal infrastructure fund. The federal government pitched in only \$4 million because the project failed to meet Ottawa's deadlines.

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## + BACKGROUND

The 300-tonne, 43-metre vessel was launched in Lunenburg in 1963. It is a replica of the original Bluenose, the 1921 Grand Banks fishing schooner that won worldwide acclaim for its graceful lines and speed. The original sank after striking a reef off Haiti in 1946.



The Bluenose II is shown in this file photo. THE CANADIAN PRESS

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## BUSINESS

### DHX Media nearly triples Q3 revenue

The Halifax-based company that owns the Family channel and programming that includes well-known titles such as Teletubbies, Caillou and newer shows such as Slugterra says its latest quarter showed spectacular growth.

DHX Media says revenue over the three-month period was nearly three times higher than last year, as sales from its library of programming for young audiences were bolstered by the former Astral TV channels that it bought last year.

For the three months ended March 31, revenue was \$85.58 million, up from \$29.03 million a year earlier.

The addition of DHX Television last July through the acquisition of Family and other kid-oriented channels from BCE's

Bell Media accounted for 70 per cent of the revenue growth.

DHX said its net income for the quarter was \$18 million or 14 cents per diluted share, up from \$1.8 million or two cents per share when the company's profit was reduced by acquisition-related costs.

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## + PROMOTION

The company said Tuesday that Burger King restaurants around the world will include toys based on its Slugterra animated series in kids' meals for the next few weeks in a promotional agreement.

## IN BRIEF

### Grow-op bust leads to charges

Police in Nova Scotia have laid multiple drug and weapons charges against a man, after busting a potential marijuana grow-op.

Members of the Pictou County Integrated Street Crime Enforcement Unit, along with RCMP, executed a search warrant for a residence on Egypt Road on Wednesday around 2 p.m.

Police say no one was home at the time of search, but officers seized mari-

juana plants that were in various stage of growth, as well as a quantity of marijuana shake, a crossbow and ammunition.

Officers eventually arrested a 55-year-old man at the same residence on Thursday morning without incident.

Police say the suspect has since been released from custody and is scheduled to appear in Pictou Provincial Court to face numerous drugs and weapons charges on Aug. 24. METRO



## CALGARY

## Man charged with hurling obscenities

Calgary police have charged a man with hurling vulgarities at a female journalist while, ironically, covering the bad behaviour of hockey fans.

The man, who has not been named, faces a charge of stunting under the Traffic Safety Act.

CBC reporter Meghan Grant says she had been reporting along the Red Mile, a strip of bars and restaurants popular with Calgary Flames fans, the morning after a playoff game.

She was working on a story about poor fan behaviour, including the use of a sexually explicit phrase that has become a trend targeting female reporters in cities across North America. Then, she says, she heard the

line herself.

"All of a sudden somebody pulls up in a truck behind us and yells it at us, which was absolutely stunning given what we were there talking about," Grant says. "We swung around only

in time to see the truck driving away, but we did get the licence plate."

She says police tracked down the alleged heckler and told her

Thursday that the man had been charged.

Police spokeswoman Emma Poole says police have received several complaints about similar harassment. She believes it's the first time officers have laid a charge in such a case.

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**All of a sudden somebody pulls up in a truck behind us and yells it at us.**

CBC reporter Meghan Grant

## GUN REGISTRY

## Rewriting law sets 'perilous precedent'

An unprecedented Conservative bid to rewrite the law in order to retroactively erase the RCMP's mishandling of gun registry records sets the table for legislated, after-the-fact coverups of far more serious crimes, Canada's information commissioner declared Thursday.

In a new report tabled in Parliament, Suzanne Legault concluded that the practice establishes a "perilous precedent" of rewriting laws — one that could jeopardize the ability of author-

ities to prosecute electoral fraud or other government scandals.

Legault recommended almost two months ago that charges be laid against the RCMP for its role in withholding and destroying gun registry data.

But instead of Justice Minister Peter MacKay moving on the recommendation to lay charges, the Harper government rewrote the law, backdated the changes and buried the amendment in an omnibus budget bill.

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**INFRASTRUCTURE MR. HOCKEY GETS A BRIDGE** Michigan Gov. Rick Snyder, left, Prime Minister Stephen Harper and Murray Howe, Gordie Howe's son, announced Thursday that the Detroit River International Crossing, connecting Detroit with Windsor, Ont., will be named the Gordie Howe International Bridge. The 87-year-old Howe, known as "Mr. Hockey," was born in Floral, Sask., and led the Detroit Red Wings to four Stanley Cup championships. PHOTO: DAVE CHIDLEY/THE CANADIAN PRESS; TEXT: THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

# Top court considers Khadr young offender

## Ruling delivered after 30 minutes of deliberation

The Supreme Court of Canada wasted no time Thursday as it summarily rejected the federal government's bid to have former Guantanamo Bay prisoner Omar Khadr declared an adult offender.

The case centred on whether the eight-year war-crimes sentence he got from a U.S. military commission in 2010 ought to be interpreted as a youth or adult sentence.

The federal government has argued the latter, saying Khadr actually received five concurrent eight-year terms for each of his five war crimes — a conclusion the nine justices rejected in a rare decision from the bench.

"The sentence is under the

minimum for an adult sentence," Chief Justice Beverley McLachlin told the court after about 30 minutes of deliberations that followed the end of the hearing.

"We are of the view that a proper interpretation of the relevant legislation does not permit Mr. Khadr's eight-year sentence to be treated as five distinct eight-year sentences to be served concurrently."

Dennis Edney, one of Khadr's

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**We can't slice and dice the eight years.**

Justice Marshall Rothstein

the lawyers, said the swiftness of the ruling was a message to the Harper government for wasting taxpayer money on "persecuting my client." THE CANADIAN PRESS

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# Media mogul leads PQ leadership race

## POLITICS

### Quebecor majority shareholder is front-runner

The Parti Québécois could begin its Pierre Karl Peladeau-led era this Friday.

Polls suggest the control-

ling shareholder of Quebecor Inc. (TSX:QBR.B), one of the biggest and most influential media companies in Canada, is the front-runner in the race to succeed Pauline Marois as permanent PQ leader.

Peladeau's opponents are former cabinet ministers Alexandre Cloutier and Martine Ouellet.

The first round of voting began Wednesday and ends

at 5 p.m. eastern Friday. If none of the three gets 50 per cent, a second round of voting with the top two finishers will take place May 20-22.

Much of the campaign has focused on Peladeau's refusal to sell his shares in Quebecor. He has promised to put the shares in a blind trust, a position critics say is inadequate.

Although a political neophyte — he was elected in

April 2014 — Peladeau's influence in Quebec is undeniable.

Quebecor owns some of the biggest media properties in the province such as newspapers, a TV network, book publishers and music distributors. His company is also a major player in cable, Internet and cellphone services.

Peladeau's critics and political opponents say he is

divisive, anti-union and too short-tempered to handle the frustrations and nuances of political life.

But his passionate, public and fervent cries for Quebec sovereignty, coupled with his high profile, have made him a seemingly irresistible candidate for party brass who long desperately to be pioneers of an independent country.

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Pierre Karl Peladeau.

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## MEDICAL RESEARCH

### Stem cell treatment help for paraplegics

A small number of paraplegics are now able to feel some sensation after having neural stem cells transplanted into their damaged spinal cords as part of a study, raising hope that the therapy may help restore movement in some paralyzed patients.

Researchers in Zurich, Toronto and Calgary used the experimental treatment in 12 people with injuries to the thoracic region of their spinal cords. The thoracic segments of the spine run roughly in line with the armpits to an area just below the waist.

Within months of having the injections of 20 million human neural stem cells, more than half the patients reported they had areas of restored sensation when tested with light touch, pin pricks or heat.

While the transplants did not bring back the ability for patients to move their legs or control other muscles below the site of their injury, seven of the 12 had "significant improvement

in sensation," said Dr. Michael Fehlings, Krembil chair in Neural Repair and Regeneration at the University Health Network, who led the Toronto arm of the study.



**We have now legitimately entered into the era of regenerative neuroscience.**

Dr. Michael Fehlings

That recovery of feeling means the stem cells may have partially repaired damage to the spinal cord, suggested Fehlings.

"The implications of what we're doing now is really quite

profound because we have now legitimately entered into the era of regenerative neuroscience," he said.

"And this isn't occurring in shady overseas clinics that are selling things to vulnerable people. This is occurring under the auspices of the most rigorous federal agencies in the world. So the science is real and I feel very hopeful for the future."

Stem cells are the body's building blocks, giving rise to different kinds of cell types. Neural stem cells spawn various types of central nervous system cells, such as those found in the brain and spinal cord. THE CANADIAN PRESS

## IN BRIEF

### No more appeals for crashed ferry driver

The Supreme Court of Canada announced Thursday that it would not hear the appeal of Karl Lilgert's convictions on two counts of criminal negligence causing death. Lilgert was at the helm of a British Columbia ferry that slammed into an island and sank.

Lilgert was convicted by a jury in 2013 and sentenced to four years for the deaths of Gerald Foisy and Shirley Rosette, who disappeared when the ship went down in March 2006.

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### RCMP labour violations in Moncton shooting

The RCMP has been charged with four labour code violations related to the shooting deaths of three RCMP officers and the wounding of three others in Moncton.

The police force says in a news release that an Employment and Social Development Canada investigation alleges there were violations of the code relating to the force's equipment, training and supervision.

The police force is considering the charges

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# Soldier says it's not so simple

Cpl. Ashley Turner is a female soldier who has served in the armed forces for 12 years and completed two tours in Afghanistan. She was also deployed on Operation Podium, the army's support for the 2010 Vancouver Olympics. Turner wrote to Metro News after seeing her photo with an article about sexual misconduct in the Canadian military. Her letter follows.

I was very surprised to see my photograph in the May 1 edition of the Metro, and even more surprised to see the article that it was used to illustrate — an article entitled "Military Plagued by Sexualized Culture," which described the recent report by former Supreme Court justice Marie Deschamps on the misogyny and sexual harassment that is allegedly commonplace in the Canadian Forces.

While I am flattered that my picture was chosen to represent female soldiers in general, I also feel that the immediate impression a reader would get is that it was included to provide an example of a female soldier who has had firsthand experience of the issues discussed in the report. Therefore, I wish to clarify that this is not the case, and that I am not in any way associated with the study in question.

In fact, had I been one of the 700 personnel who were selected to participate in this study, I would have confessed that the

time I have spent in the Canadian military — all 12 years of it — has been a very positive experience, and almost entirely free of the issues described in the article. Perhaps I have been unusually lucky to have worked with excellent male colleagues for the entirety of my career, or perhaps I am one of the "desensitized" women the article mentions. I do admit that crude jokes and swear words are spoken regularly in the military, yet I have never felt offended by them. In my experience, jokes that degrade women are not made any more often than jokes that degrade other groups of people — and, in fact, though the article mentions "references to female genitalia" as a particularly offensive example of such a joke, I can assure you that references to male genitalia are far, far more common. What I find much more offensive and misogynistic than any joke I have heard in the military is the notion that females, but not

males, are somehow ill-equipped to handle this manner of conversing. The joking I have experienced has almost always been good-natured, and when the time has come to get the job done I have never found myself to be treated any less fairly than anyone else, or to be any less accepted by my peers as a result of my gender.

Of course, for both males and females, personal experience in the Canadian Forces will vary, and I am sure that, at times, legitimate harassment does occur. My intent is not to belittle the victims of this harassment, or to suggest that it should not be taken seriously. I simply wish to state that my experience in the Canadian Forces has been very different than the experiences of the female soldiers described in the article, and that the use of my photograph was therefore probably not the most accurate way to illustrate the concept discussed.

Cpl. Ashley Turner



Cpl. Ashley Turner's photograph was published in Metro and other newspapers on May 1 alongside a story about the recent release of a scathing report into military sexual misconduct. She later wrote us to make clear that she should not be seen as "an example of a female soldier who has had firsthand experience of the issues discussed in the report." METRO

## ARMED FORCES

# Friendly-fire report shows Kurdish forces ill-prepared to fight

The friendly-fire death of Sgt. Andrew Doiron may have been a tragic mistake, but it serves to illustrate the shaky state of Kurdish forces and just how much additional training they need, defence experts say.

Both the Canadian military and Prime Minister Stephen

Harper have gone out of their way to showcase the tenacity and bravery of Peshmerga fighters, who last summer halted the advance of extremists from the Islamic State of Iraq and the Levant (ISIL) just outside the city of Erbil.

But details gleaned from

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**They are not ready for prime time.**  
Retired colonel George Petrolekas

heavily censored reports into Doiron's March 6 death indicate the formation, while courageous, amounts to little more than a popular militia, said retired colonel George Petrolekas of the Conference of Defence Associations Institute.

"They are not ready for prime

time," Petrolekas said.

"It calls into question how ready they are for battle and to take back a place like Mosul," Iraq's second-largest city.

That means there will be no quick nor easy end to Canada's training mission in Iraq, about which the Harper government

has been deliberately vague in terms of the mission's scope, accomplishments and goals.

For example, neither the Conservatives nor National Defence have clearly articulated in public just how many Peshmerga brigades Canada intends to help train. THE CANADIAN PRESS

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## NEPAL EARTHQUAKE

## 'Our people need shelter': Nepalese PM

Nepal has been overwhelmed by its second powerful earthquake in less than three weeks, its prime minister said Thursday as he visited this normally placid foothills town, now filling up with frightened villagers desperate for government help.

Thousands of people coming from surrounding areas to seek help crowd the streets of Charikot, the administrative centre of the isolated district hit hardest by Tuesday's magnitude-7.3 quake, which killed at least 110 people and injured more than 2,300. The magnitude-7.8 earthquake that hit April 25 killed more than 8,150 people, injured tens of thousands, and left hundreds of thousands homeless.

"After the first quake, we were not prepared for a second one so big," Prime Minister Sushil Koirala told reporters after arriving in Charikot by helicopter.

The coming monsoon rains loom large. "We need tents.

Our people need shelter. With the rainy season, it will be difficult for people to survive in the open," he said.

Nearly everyone is too afraid to sleep indoors and aftershocks are keeping people on edge in this town. Food has been handed out occasionally here, but nowhere near enough for the people who keep arriving. Many simply waited at the locked gates of the army's small aid distribution centre, shaking the fence angrily when their frustration got the better of them.

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**After the first quake, we were not prepared for a second one so big.**

Sushil Koirala, Prime Minister of Nepal

## MIGRANT CRISIS

## Thailand, Malaysia refuse boat people

Rohingya and Bangladeshis abandoned at sea following a crackdown on human traffickers had nowhere to go Thursday after Malaysia turned away two wooden boats crammed with hundreds of hungry people. Thailand, too, made it clear the migrants were not wanted.

Thai Prime Minister Gen. Prayuth Chan-ocha said his country couldn't afford to host the refugees.

He had no suggestions as to where they should go, saying: "No one wants them."

Southeast Asia for years tried to quietly ignore the plight of Myanmar's 1.3 million Rohingya. It's feared that up to 6,000 of the Muslim minority, who are intensely persecuted in Buddhist-majority Myanmar, have boarded ships to flee to other countries and are now stranded at sea.

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**BURUNDI FIGHTING BREAKS OUT IN CAPITAL DURING ATTEMPTED COUP** A civilian jumps over a burning barricade of rocks erected by residents to protect themselves from police, in a northern district of the capital Bujumbura, in Burundi Thursday. Gunfire and explosions rang out in Burundi's capital as military forces backing an attempted coup against President Pierre Nkurunziza battled it out with forces loyal to the elected leader. ERIK ESBJORNSSON/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

# Amtrak engineer under scrutiny in deadly wreck

## PHILADELPHIA

## Bostian remembers nothing of crash: Lawyer

Brandon Bostian was obsessed with trains while growing up, talked about them constantly and wanted to be an engineer or a conductor.

"He would go on vacation and bring back subway maps," Stefanie McGee, a friend from Tennessee, recalled Thursday.

Bostian's teenage dreams would come true. But now, at 32, the Amtrak engineer has found himself at the very centre of the investigation into the nation's deadliest train wreck in nearly six years.

He was at the controls of a train that investigators say barrelled into a curve in Philadelphia on Tuesday night at more than 160 kph, or twice the speed limit. Eight people were killed in the derailment and more than 200 injured.

Investigators want to know why the train was going so fast. But Bostian refused to

talk to police on Wednesday, authorities said. And investigators with the National Transportation Safety Board said they would give him a day or two to recover from the shock of the accident before talking to him.

Bostian's lawyer, Robert Goggin, told ABC News that his client suffered a concussion in the crash and has "absolutely no recollection whatsoever of the events."

Goggin also said Bostian had not been using his cellphone, drinking or using drugs, and that he "co-oper-

ated fully" with police and told them "everything that he knew," immediately consenting to a blood test and surrendering his cellphone.

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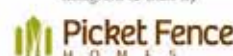
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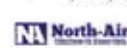
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# Mass spying lands in Senate

## U.S. SECURITY

### Authorization of bulk phone data collection set to expire

After the House's lopsided bipartisan vote to end the National Security Agency's bulk collection of millions of Americans' phone records, the Senate is under considerable pressure to pass a similar measure. If it doesn't, lawmakers risk letting the authority to collect the records expire June 1, along with other important counterterrorism provisions.

The House bill, known as the USA Freedom Act, would replace bulk collection with a system to search the data held by telephone companies on a case-by-case basis. It passed 338-88.

In the 100-member Senate, however, the legislation faces a 60-vote hurdle to begin debate. A similar bill failed to do so last year after passing the House by a wide margin. And the Senate majority leader, Republican Mitch McConnell,



The National Security Agency campus in Fort Meade, Md. PATRICK SEMANSKY/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS FILE

has expressed his opposition to the current House bill.

What's different this year, though, is that if Congress doesn't act, three provisions will expire. Not just the law authorizing the bulk collection of phone records, but also a measure allowing so-called roving wiretaps, which the

FBI uses for criminals who frequently switch cellphones. A third provision makes it easier to obtain a warrant to target a "lone wolf" terror suspect who has no provable links to a terrorist organization.

President Barack Obama supports the House legislation, which is in line with a

proposal he made last March.

The issue also has implications for the 2016 presidential contest, with Republican candidates staking out different positions.

The revelation that the NSA had for years been secretly collecting all records of U.S. land-line phone calls was among the

**“We have a chance to take bipartisan action that protects Americans' civil liberties. It would be irresponsible for us to squander this opportunity.”**

Senate Minority Leader  
Harry Reid

most controversial disclosures by Edward Snowden, who in 2013 leaked thousands of secret documents to journalists. He lives in exile in Moscow.

The program collects the number called, along with the date, time and duration of call, but not the content or people's names. It stores the information in an NSA database that a small number of analysts query for matches against the phone numbers of known terrorists abroad, hunting for domestic connections to plots.

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## U.S. POLITICS

### Trade powers bill back at table

U.S. senators of both parties worked Wednesday to revive trade legislation that's a top priority for President Barack Obama, a day after Obama's fellow Democrats repudiated him nearly unanimously on the issue.

Despite intense lobbying by Obama, every Democratic senator except one, Delaware's Tom Carper, voted on Tuesday against moving forward on legislation to award the president "fast track" authority to negotiate trade deals that can pass Congress without being amended. The vote failed 52-45, falling eight short of the 60 votes needed and dealing a stinging setback to the centerpiece of Obama's second-term economic agenda, his hopes for a landmark pact with Asian nations.

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Israel's Supreme Court has cleared the way for the government to uproot the nearly 60-year-old Bedouin Arab village of Umm al-Hiran, a hill of ramshackle dwellings without proper electricity or water hookups. TSAFIR ABAYOV/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

## Bedouin Arab village to be razed

### ISRAEL

#### Court OKs development that seems to cater to Jews

Israelis are once again locked in a bitter settlement dispute with their Arab neighbours, but this time the conflict is not unfolding in the West Bank but in Israel's southern desert.

After years of legal battles, Israel's Supreme Court last week cleared the way for the government to uproot the nearly 60-year-old Bedouin Arab village of Umm al-Hiran, a dusty hill of ramshackle dwellings without proper electricity or water hookups, and in its place build "Hiran," a new community seemingly catering to Jews that is expected to feature a hotel and country club.

The project has reignited a simmering conflict between Israel's Bedouin community, which says it is a victim of discrimination, and the government, which says it is trying to bring order to a lawless area and give a better quality of life

to the impoverished minority.

Israel says the hundreds of villagers are sitting on state-owned land slated for development and is offering them free plots in a Bedouin township just down the road. But villagers say the plan is cut-and-dry Israeli discrimination — part of a broader demographic battle over the land.

The Supreme Court says authorities should consider giving some villagers discounted plots of land in the new development, but the villagers believe a large Bedouin population wouldn't be tolerated there. A group of religious Jewish families with ties to the West Bank settlement movement are living in a temporary encampment in a nearby forest waiting to move to the future Hiran.

For decades, Israel has been trying to convince scattered, off-the-grid Bedouin villagers that it is in their interest to move into government-designated Bedouin townships, where the government can provide them with water, electricity and schools.

Villagers say they want to maintain their rural lifestyle.

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**If this goes through, it will be easier to demolish the other villages.** Majd Kayyal of Adalah, a legal centre defending Arab rights in Israel

### MADAGASCAR

## UN to verify Captain Kidd's treasure

The United Nations is sending experts to Madagascar to assess a claim by underwater explorers that they had found treasure and the wreck of a ship belonging to the pirate known as Captain Kidd, a UN official said.

Ulrike Guerin, a specialist in underwater heritage for the UN cultural agency UNESCO, said Thursday that experts will examine artifacts at the site where American explorer Barry Clifford had been operating. The team is

expected to arrive in Madagascar by the end of June, she said.

UNESCO is also concerned that Clifford's group may have damaged the site, alleging the explorers did not have an archaeologist with proper qualifications and did not present a proper plan to Madagascar's authorities.

October Films, the London-based production company that was filming Clifford's work in Madagascar for television, said in a statement that a detailed plan

had been submitted to the government before diving and that a respected marine archaeologist was on hand at all times to supervise the exploration. It said artifacts discovered by Clifford were handed over to the government and that the expedition is funding the restoration of a local museum and a small laboratory to preserve the artifacts.

The island, a hideout for pirates when Kidd was active, offered safe harbours and was close

to maritime trading routes.

Last year, Clifford said he found the wreck of the Santa Maria, the lost flagship from Christopher Columbus' first voyage to the Western Hemisphere, during a search off the coast of Haiti. UNESCO said there was no way the wreck could be the Santa Maria because nails and pins they found there were made of a copper alloy, indicating the wreck was a more recent ship.

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**IN BRIEF****Mayors want in on Canada Post mail delivery suit**

Montreal-area mayors say they hope to join a lawsuit aimed at overturning Canada's Post's decision to reduce home delivery because they say the Crown corporation is acting arrogantly and refusing to listen to their concerns.

The leaders of Montreal, Laval, Longueuil and surrounding suburbs want to obtain intervenor status in

a Federal Court lawsuit filed by the union representing Canada Post employees.

Canada Post's decision was made without consulting municipalities and will hurt large numbers of seniors and people with reduced mobility, the mayors said. **THE CANADIAN PRESS**

**Bombardier cutting 1,750 jobs in Canada, Ireland**

Bombardier said Thursday it will cut about 1,750 employ-

ees in Montreal, Toronto and Ireland over the coming months because of weak demand for its largest business jets. Up to 1,000 of the lost jobs will be in Montreal, while 480 positions will be eliminated in Toronto and 280 in Belfast. The cuts will begin in June and continue until the first quarter of 2016, said the company, which employs more than 70,000 people.

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**FISHERIES GEODUCK FARMING TAKES OFF** Zack Crow uses pumped sea water to loosen the muck while harvesting geoducks near Harstine Island, Wash. Last year, the U.S. exported \$74 million US worth of the clams, mostly to China and Hong Kong, where they are served raw as sashimi or added to hotpot dishes. A growing appetite for the unique Pacific Northwest delicacy is prompting shellfish farmers to grow more of the clams. **THE ASSOCIATED PRESS**

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# Tax raids on Uber offices in Montreal

**TRANSPORTATION****Investigators looking for documents, official says**

Quebec tax authorities have raided two Montreal offices of Uber, the company that offers rides at prices lower than typical cab fares.

About 20 investigators executed search warrants on Thursday seeking tax-related documents, said Stephane Dion, a spokesman for the province's revenue agency.

"The investigation has been going on for several months," Dion said in an interview.

"At the moment we have 20 investigators on the premises of Uber Canada Inc. The goal is to obtain as much information as possible, and these documents will then be analyzed. After that, we'll be able to determine whether charges will be laid.

"Revenu Québec is responsible for applying tax laws. We

have the power to recommend that charges be laid. And they can be accompanied by fines and prison sentences of up to five years if individuals or the company are found guilty."

Asked for reaction, Uber spokeswoman Susie Heath said in an email that "we look forward to continuing to work with all stakeholders in Quebec to foster innovation, create jobs and provide consumers with much-needed affordable transit options."

The raids were conducted just more than two weeks after the City of Montreal announced it had seized 40 of the company's vehicles since the beginning of the year.

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### "Fashion may be fickle, but true style frees the mind."

No one looks like Iris Apfel.

The 93-year-old international style icon, to quote one designer, treats fashion as playfully as "a big box of Lego." Her outfits are more properly sculpture.

And like all artists, Apfel's true power is a defiantly individual imagination.

She won't be cowed to fit anyone's standards of style or thought but her own.

Apfel is the subject of *Iris*, a documentary rolling out across the country this month that follows her path from running a textile business with her husband, to interior designer for the White House, to fashion muse.

Despite the love showered on her late in life by fashion royalty after an exhibit of her wardrobe became an international sensation, she's so much more than they are.

She curates fantastical outfits — collisions of colour, patterns and feathers, layers of off-beat jewelry — and radiates freedom from conformity and the power of style as art.

Apfel abhors trends — those lazy directives on how you should look, peddled by brands and magazines for profits. In interviews, she's acerbically un-intellectual about her style and uninterested in defining it.

It's an attitude reminiscent of Katherine Hepburn, the starlet who wore menswear

most of her life. Both exemplify how not to give a damn.

Apfel is a scavenger of flea markets and vintage stores. She detests head-to-toe high fashion and doesn't care what anything costs. She only cares, she's said in interviews, about how it makes her feel.

She speaks of the items of her wardrobe as loves.

"It feels good in my solar plexus," she's said of finding a new piece to add to the hundreds in her collection. "I get a good, warm feeling."

Browsing through photos of Apfel is as much of an adventure as reading Alice in Wonderland; you never know what you might see next.

The same can't be said for many of us. Self-consciousness is the rot in our closets. We're too often lured by the straightjacket of dictated taste.

But it doesn't have to be so. Apfel has no rules about how to dress. Her guide seems to be only the pure joy of self-expression.

And watching her wear whatever the hell she wants sends the message that you, too, can be different.

As one woman once told her, "I learned that if I don't have to dress like everybody else, I do not have to think like everybody else."

Fashion may be fickle, but true style frees the mind.

## Happy face/Sad face

From **babies' babblings** to **benders gone bad**, Metro weighs in on the news making headlines this week



### A tail of woe for would-be mermaids

Swimmers are kicking up a fuss in Alberta after community pools banned mermaid fins, citing safety concerns. The trendy costumes bind the legs together tightly, making staying afloat a challenge for weaker swimmers. The province's Lifesaving Society favours a "mermaid test" of swimming ability over an outright ban, while parents say they're the best judge of their of aspiring Ariels' skills.

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### Police bail out befuddled teens

Two teenage boys in Barrie, Ont. took some unidentified illicit drugs and promptly called 911 on themselves—because they couldn't find their way out of the woods. It was still broad daylight when police and EMS found the 19-year-olds with the help of sniffer dogs. The young men were "extremely disoriented" and "silently staring off into the sky." No charges were laid.

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### Improving kids' speech as easy as "Hola!"

You can stop teaching your two-year-old Portuguese now — just move him to Brazil. A University of Chicago study found young children who hear more than one language at home become better communicators. Using a specially designed game, researchers learned children from multilingual homes, even if not bilingual, could better understand speakers' meaning than those who only heard their native tongue.

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### Goldfish get gold star for attention span

Good news! For goldfish, that is. The attention span of the notoriously dim-witted species is now apparently longer than ours. A study of the brains of 2,000 Canadians found the length of time we can focus on one thought has dropped to eight seconds from 12 in the year 2000 — around the time when the Internet started thinking for us. Goldfish can concentrate for nine seconds, swimming circles around us skills-wise. OTTAWA CITIZEN

# 'FHRITP' is not the free speech cause to fight for

## THE KOHLER REPORT

Rebecca Kohler



Acronyms that helped change the world: SCUBA, NAFTA, FHRITP.

For those of you who don't know or were in a coma this week, a group of Toronto soccer fans, including Shawn Simoes, argued with CityNews correspondent Shauna Hunt outside a game over the merits and "hilarity" of yelling "f-k her right in the p-y" at reporters while they try to do their jobs (a "trend" for over two years now). The spontaneous confrontation went viral, and Simoes subsequently lost his six-figure job at Hydro One. Boo her right in the hoo!

Social media has been

hot with FHRITP fever ever since. While most people I know are in favour of the Simoes vitriol, I've been surprised to see a lot of people come not only to his defence but to the defence of FHRITP itself. What gives?

Sentiments include, "It's not sexual harassment because some people yell it at men," as well as, "It's not sexist because it's funny." (This guy went to the Andrew Dice Clay school of feminism.) Politically conservative media personality Ezra Levant asked the totally-missing-the-point question, "Why is it OK for Elizabeth May to use the F-bomb in public, but not these guys?"

Have people never heard of the term "context"? The F-word by itself is not misogynistic or upsetting (except maybe to your

grandma). Follow it with the words "her" and "p-y," and all of a sudden you have what sounds like a command from one person to another to attempt sex on a woman, whether the woman would like that or not.

## The confrontation went viral, and Simoes subsequently lost his six-figure job at Hydro One. Boo her right in the hoo!

There's another term for what that is, and it rhymes with "shmexual shmssault."

I mean, if the phrase was "Eat a marshmallow on Sunday!" then this conversation would be pretty bor-

ing. Shauna Hunt would be all, "That guy yelled that I should eat a marshmallow on Sunday!" and we'd all be like, "What a delicious idea!" Everyone would be happy, except diabetics.

But the phrase is "F—k her right in the p-y." Is that sexual harassment? Is it misogynistic? First of all, yes. Second of all, who cares? Why must we define it as such to agree that it shouldn't be socially acceptable to yell it at journalists? This is like fighting for the right to insult your home with asbestos. You have the right to fight for it, but why would you want to?

Rebecca Kohler is a stand-up comic, writer, actor, gymnast, lawyer and chemist. (Some of this isn't true.) Follow her on Twitter @becca\_kohler

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# George Miller's Mad world

MAD MAX: FURY ROAD

## Director sees dystopia through lens of a doctor

IN FOCUS

Richard Crouse



George Miller has made pigs talk and penguins tap dance.

He's been a doctor and a film director. Among the bold-faced names on his resumé are the titles Babe: A Pig in the City, The Witches of Eastwick, Happy Feet 1 and 2 and Lorenzo's Oil. One name, however, looms larger than the rest: Mad Max.

Over the course of three films — Mad Max, Mad Max 2: The Road Warrior and Mad Max Beyond Thunderdome — he introduced the world to post-apocalyptic warrior Max Rockatansky, made Mel Gibson a superstar, defined dystopian cinema for a generation or two and created the phrase, "Two men enter, one man leaves."

This weekend, 30 years after the release of the last Mad Max movie, Miller revisits the character in Mad Max: Fury Road, a reboot starring Tom Hardy and Charlize Theron.

The 70-year-old director, who raised money to make the first film by working as an emergency room doctor, says the goal of the new movie was to make it "uniquely familiar."

After years of "following the CG evolution," using comput-

er-generated images to create beautiful animated films, he was keen to go back to "old school" filmmaking "with real cars and real people and real desert."

That means, unlike the Avengers and their ilk, respecting the laws of physics by using practical effects and keeping the action earthbound.

In other words, in a call back to the original films, when a car blows up, it doesn't rocket into space. Instead it explodes spectacularly but organically. The wild action you see in Fury Road are actual stunts performed by stunt men and women and not generated by a clever computer operator in a studio.

"It was like going back to your old hometown and looking at it anew," he says.

Miller reveals he originally created Max's wasteland world while practising medicine.

"I worked for two-and-a-half years in a big city hospital. I stayed registered right up past Mad Max 2: Road Warrior. I never even thought there'd be a career. I stayed as a doctor on the first Mad Max because we kept running out of money in postproduction. Then I stayed through to the second Mad Max because if you are doing stunts, you are obliged to have a doctor on set. There weren't big budgets, so I ended up running a clinic during lunch time tending to cuts, sunburns, scrapes and all that."

**Tom Hardy in Mad Max: Fury Road.**  
CONTRIBUTED



Director George Miller originally financed Mad Max by working as an ER doctor.

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His two careers have much in common, he says, adding he was "privileged with a unique point of view as a doctor."

"I don't think I'd be the filmmaker I am unless I had that medical education, in two very direct ways. Both of them have a lot of problem-solving

## MOVIE RATINGS by Richard Crouse

**Mad Max: Fury Road** ★★★★★  
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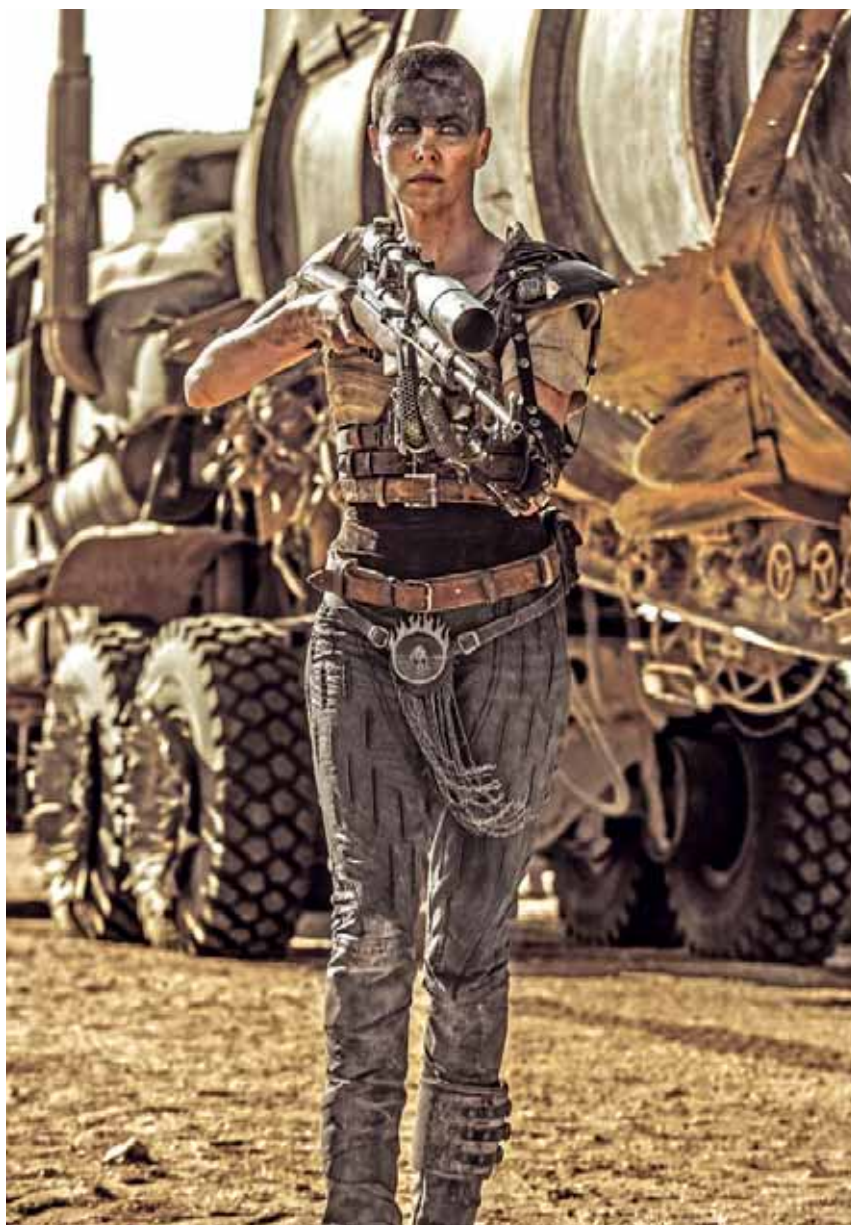
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Charlize Theron runs away with Mad Max: *Fury Road*. CONTRIBUTED

# Feminism in Mad Max: You got a problem with that?

## FURY ROAD

**Charlize Theron bulldozes her way to the alpha role in *Fury Road***



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It's taken Australian director George Miller 30 years to bring his iconic post-apocalyptic wanderer, Mad Max, back to the screen. In the super-charged update, Tom Hardy steps in for Mel Gibson — and then just as quickly steps aside for co-star Charlize Theron, who runs away with the film as Imperator Furiosa.

### This isn't your dad's Mad Max

"Mad Max is not actually in the driver's seat in this movie," Hardy says. "It's about time you had better female leads in action movies. This is not a feminist argument, it's a personhood situation. This is

how we ought to reflect the times — not so much strong women, but just people. You know, you have a male and a female who are both just personhood situations on both sides of the gender. I wouldn't put it past George to come up with a transgender (hero), do you know what I mean? He's not the type of person who's going to mince his words."

### The apocalypse can be good for a laugh

"There's a sense of humour that George has got, a certain fearlessness in the enjoyment of that post-apocalyptic world, demented fun," Hardy says.

"There's not just, like, good versus evil, you know, or 'The Road' or something like that where everything's just like devastatingly bleak, you know? It's a carnival, sort of a circus, sort of Vaudevillian. There is something almost Terry Gilliam-esque, Monty Pythonesque, without banging the gong. There's almost a tongue-in-cheek delirium. Everything is designed as a sort of ghastly, grotesque humour."

### The film has a strong feminist streak

"He's a smart man, George, so what he's doing is reflecting the times as well as pioneering at the same time. He's reading the times, what's going on," Hardy explains. "And it's no surprise to me that he would use a character that is synonymous with Mel Gibson, the silhouette and the icon of Mad Max, to re-establish the world which he started off 30-something years ago, but it's very clear that actually, right down to the shoulder pad on her left arm, (Theron) is the female protagonist of this movie."

### Tom is fine with not being the hero of his own movie

"I think that's very, very smart of him to deliver a female lead in Mad Max," Hardy says. "I remember talking to George back in Namibia about old-school movie star, male-female chemistry. How does the dynamic work between a strong alpha-male and a strong alpha-female on screen when you get them together. And I think in this one ... Charlize led this entire movie and it shows."

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# Banking on Pitch Perfect 2

SEQUELS

## Actor makes directorial debut with a cappella comedy

Everyone warned Elizabeth Banks against filming the outdoor concert finale for Pitch Perfect 2. It was June in Baton Rouge, La. It was scorching hot, it was hurricane season, and they would have to build a full, functioning stage and recruit a small town of extras to make it believable.

But Banks knew what she wanted.

"I kept saying, 'I don't care, it's going to look cool, we've got to do it,'" said the actress, producer, and now, feature director.

It took nearly a month to build the Glastonbury Festival-inspired stage. As for the extras, the production sent out an open invitation casting call to fans of Pitch Perfect.

Over 3,000 people showed up. The massive undertaking required four all-night shoots, multiple cameras, elaborate performances and a tolerance for mysterious bug bites. Banks even took responsibility for the crowd's waning energy.

"At one point, she went out on stage and started whipping them into a frenzy," said Banks' husband and producing partner,



Elizabeth Banks on the Set of Pitch Perfect 2. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Max Handelman. But the crowd really lost it when she brought a few Bellas out, too.

"It was her connecting the fans with the girls and letting everyone know that this was a big deal," said Handelman.

As plans for a sequel started to take shape, the first film's director, Jason Moore, signed on to the Tina Fey-Amy Poehler comedy Sisters, and suddenly Pitch Perfect 2 needed a director.

Banks, known for roles in The 40-Year-Old Virgin and The Hunger Games, had been thinking

about directing for some time.

She directed plays at the University of Pennsylvania, and had been taking on small projects over the past few years to learn as much as she could.

Plus, as a producer and actor on the first film, Banks already knew the a cappella world and had the trust of returning cast like Anna Kendrick and Rebel Wilson.

"Right as I was raising my hand to do it, the studio said, 'Why don't you do it?'" she said.

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Q&A

## Adam DeVine talks happy accidents and Rebel Wilson

Adam DeVine didn't initially think much of 2012's Pitch Perfect, which he totally owns up to.

"Just because I'm generally ill-prepared and smoke too much weed, I thought the first movie was a baseball movie when I went to the audition," he remembers. "And then I get there and there's all these super-handsome dudes with abs in their cheeks, and they're all singing."

He managed to wing it and earn the role of Bumper, the first film's sort-of villain, but any antagonism is gone in the sequel, he explains to Metro.

**Bumper works as a campus security guard in the sequel. How did you prepare?**

Well, the campus security part of the movie isn't that detailed. I basically just wear a T-shirt. I'm not really securing much. You don't delve into



DeVine and Wilson

that backstory too deeply. But to answer your question, no. Not at all. I did make out with Rebel (Wilson) several times before just to see how well our lips worked together. That was our ride-along. She's a killer smoocher. That girl has big old full lips, like little pillows.

**You have a weirdly detailed Wikipedia page.**

When I first moved to L.A. I needed to have a bio, and I

hadn't done anything besides a few high school plays and hosting a pep rally or whatever, so I just cut and pasted Denzel Washington's bio as a joke. So it was like, "Adam DeVine, star of Man on Fire and Training Day," and then it said stuff like, "went to Fordham University, studied at the American Conservatory of Dramatic Arts in San Francisco." Everything else they caught eventually, but somehow the Fordham and American Conservatory stuff have stayed.

**But the part about you getting hit by a cement truck?**

I was hit but by a cement truck when I was a kid, and I couldn't walk for a couple of years. That was a huge turning point in my life.

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# Simpsons could be losing iconic voice

## CONTRACT DISPUTE

**Harry Shearer tweets that he's leaving show after 26 years**

An escalating contract dispute suggests that Harry Shearer may be exiting *The Simpsons*, where he has voiced several of its characters since the Fox cartoon series debuted in 1989.

In a pair of Twitter posts on Thursday, Shearer said re-upping with the show would have denied him "what we've always had: the freedom to do other work."

Hours later, *Simpsons* executive producer Al Jean tweeted, "The show will go on, made by people who love it..." In another post, he resolved to "recast if Harry does not return." Yet another tweet seemed to leave the door open for a rapprochement: "In life I never say never."

Shearer voices characters including *Simpsons* neighbour Ned Flanders, billionaire Mr. Burns and his aide, Smithers.



**What will become of stupid, sexy Flanders? Harry Shearer, the voice behind *The Simpsons*' mustachioed neighbourino says he is not returning to the show.** FOX VIA THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Fox recently announced picking up *The Simpsons* for two more seasons — its 27th and 28th.

A statement from Jean and fellow *Simpsons* executive producers James L. Brooks and Matt Groening said Shearer "was offered the same deal the rest of the cast accepted, and passed."

Shearer did not respond to a request for comment.

The multi-tasking Shearer, 71, has charted a diverse career as

an actor, writer, musician and producer, both before and since becoming part of the *Simpsons* troupe. Thursday's public acknowledgement of the ongoing dispute, he tweeted, was prompted by word from the lawyer of *Simpsons* executive producer Brooks that declared, "Show will go on, Harry will not be part of it, wish him the best."

Shearer tweeted, "Of course, I wish him the very best."

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## Now playing



### DRAMA

#### **Far From The Madding Crowd**

**Director:** Thomas Vinterberg  
**Starring:** Carey Mulligan, Tom Sturridge

Based on the literary classic by Thomas Hardy, *Far From The Madding Crowd* is the story of independent, beautiful and headstrong Bathsheba Everdene, who attracts three very different suitors.

#### ROTTEN TOMATOES™ SCORE

**Critics:** 84% **Audience:** 76%



### ACTION

#### **Mad Max**

**Director:** George Miller  
**Starring:** Tom Hardy, Charlize Theron

Filmmaker George Miller gears up for another post-apocalyptic action adventure with *Fury Road*, the fourth outing in the *Mad Max* film series. Charlize Theron stars alongside Tom Hardy (Bronson), plus Zoe Kravitz, Adelaide Clemens and Rosie Huntington-Whiteley.

#### ROTTEN TOMATOES™ SCORE

**Critics:** 99% **Audience:** 98%



### COMEDY

#### **Pitch Perfect 2**

**Director:** Elizabeth Banks  
**Starring:** Anna Kendrick, Rebel Wilson

Surprise hit *Pitch Perfect* gets sequelized in this Universal Pictures production once again scripted by Kay Cannon.

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# Most hated drivers

Do you text and drive? Not only are you likely breaking local traffic laws, but you're also the scourge of fellow drivers, according to Expedia's 2015 Road Rage Report ranking the most infuriating driving behaviours. As we head into the Victoria Day long weekend that unofficially kick-starts the launch of summer and road tripping, here's a breakdown from the report of the biggest driver pet peeves A-F

## THE TEXTER 26%

**The worst.** For the second year in a row, The Texter outranked Tailgaters and Left Lane Hogs by a mile, with more than a quarter (26 per cent) of the 1,000 respondents agreeing that those who dare to text and drive are the worst violators of road etiquette.

## PASSENGER PET PEEVES

• **Backseat Drivers.** Passengers, meanwhile, may want to refrain from backseat-driving, cited as the top peeve by more than half (52 per cent) of respondents.

• **Reluctant Co-pilots.** At the other end of the spectrum, the Reluctant Co-pilot — the lazy passenger who leaves all the navigating to the driver and won't open a map — ranked second, followed by the Radio Hog, Snoozer, Shoe Remover, and Snacker.

## THE TAILGATER 13%

**Also annoying.** Tailgaters, those irritating and dangerous drivers with serious personal space and patience issues, ranked second at 13 per cent, followed closely (pun intended) by The Left Lane Hog (12 per cent), The Crawler, (10 per cent) and The Multitasker, (7 per cent).

## THE LEFT LANE HOG 12%

## THE CRAWLER 10%

## THE MULTITASKER 7%

## THE DRIFTER 7%

## RUDEST DRIVERS

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## PLAYING THE GOOD GUY

## Surrender to the moment, says Matthias Schoenaerts

The Belgian actor Matthias Schoenaerts (*Rust and Bone*) is on record as loving spontaneity — something that doesn't go with tight pants and forced dancing. Luckily new costume drama *Far from the Madding Crowd* largely takes place outside and deals with complicated emotions. He plays Gabriel, arguably the most lucky suitor of Carey Mulligan's Bathsheba Everdene, Thomas Hardy's fiercely independent protagonist.

### Gabriel is a little more accessible than some characters you've played.

Normally I like very ambiguous characters who have a lot of contradictions and a lot of contrasts. And here is this guy who's good, but in the purest sense of the word. He's selfless, he's loyal, he's truthful, he's righteous. It's so rare, and these qualities are so admirable. At the same time that's an extreme challenge. One-dimensional goodness is not interesting. But this kind of goodness, so layered and so emotionally charged — that is something to go on as an actor. I learned a lot from him.

### He has this adaptability and sustainability that's pretty disarming.

And even after the reversal of fortune, this guy, he never falls back into complaining, self-pity. He loves this person, even though she hurt him real

bad. She broke his heart into pieces. He'll still be the most loyal friend you can imagine, and gives you very honest advice about what you should do. That honesty can be pretty disturbing. But he's never trying to hurt her. He's trying to tell her what is right, and she just can't take it.

### You've spoken in the past about loving the spontaneity that happens when the camera is rolling.

I never believe there's one right way to do a scene. When you're on set you just have to stay open and find a way to create a scene so that it feels true. There's no such thing as right or wrong; there is a thing called true or fake. That I believe in; that is something I can work with. Because right or wrong — that's an intellectual concept that doesn't fit with what I think art should be about.

### What's true and what's fake can always be in flux.

Totally. That's why you have to keep it moving and surrender to the moment. And don't be afraid to be bad. You have to be playful, like a kid. That's what acting should be.

MATT PRIGGE/METRO IN NEW YORK

**Matthias Schoenaerts.**  
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Juno Temple as Fanny in *Far from the Madding Crowd*. CONTRIBUTED

# Juno Temple on fate

## COSTUME DRAMA

## Far from the Madding Crowd actress on not being afraid

**Matt Prigge**  
Metro in New York City

Every English actor has to do period, but Juno Temple has only done a couple, and one of those was Paul W.S. Anderson's renegade action version of *The Three Musketeers*. The new stab at Thomas Hardy's *Far from the Madding Crowd*, starring Carey Mulligan as proto-feminist Bathsheba Everdene, is more traditional, but still modern in many ways. Temple has the small but key role of Fanny, the fiancée

of dashing Sgt. Troy (Tom Sturridge), who winds up destitute after the simple mistake of going to the wrong church on their wedding day.

### This isn't a typical English lit costume drama.

It feels pretty timeless, doesn't it? Obviously esthetically it looks like a period film, but at the same time you have such a relatable storyline of an incredibly brilliant woman who is very independent, very brave, feisty and not controlled by men at all.

### Another thing is that it takes place largely outside and features a fair amount of dirt.

I was covered in dirt quite a lot of the time. But the costumes were actually so fashionable. They were using the designs and shapes of the time period, but they could have been

in an Alexander McQueen runway show. ... (the corsets) really change the way you hold yourself. It really helps you step into a character from that time.

### What was your big in for Fanny?

The body fragility was key, especially while she's pregnant and starving. ... Her body is giving everything to this child, so her life is literally being sucked out of her.

### The idea of fortunes turning so quickly is slightly alien to us now.

Circumstances like that are so frustrating because it's out of your control. People always question fate — do you believe in fate or do you believe in coincidence? Some people are like, "Absolutely not. I'm in control of it." Some people say,

"I completely succumb to it." I've got to say I do believe in it.

### You have an unusually diverse body of work. How conscious are you of choosing wildly different roles?

I listen to everybody; I learn from everybody I meet. I'm like a sponge. I think it's just important to try different things. I find it exciting to play complex women ... It's important to not be afraid of things that might be difficult or might be new to you. You get to step into the shoes of some f—ing amazing characters that you wouldn't necessarily think about if you weren't in this line of work ... I want to do it till the day I die because I'm never going to be perfect at it. I love the idea of never being so good that you think, "Oh, I already did that." That's so cool.

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# Food for the apocalypse

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Even post-apocalypse, the question of what's for dinner must loom large.

Except for maybe Max Rockatansky. In the trailer for *Mad Max: Fury Road*, Max, played by Tom Hardy, barely has time to take a washroom break in the desolate desert where oil, water, law and humanity are scarce, let alone muse about lunch.

If he's not driving a tanker, he's trapezing like a Cirque du Soleil performer between them.

Nor does mealtime appear to be on the minds of his co-stars: Imperator Furiosa, played by Charlize Theron, is trying to get back to her childhood homeland while simultaneously rescuing the five young wives of *Fury Road*'s villain, Immortan Joe, whose horse-like respirator would make having even a cup of coffee taxing.

But how would chefs fair in a dystopia?

Plenty of them have revealed what their last supper would be, if they had the means of orches-



**Mad Max ate dog food, but columnist Jessica Allen says Campbell's soup would do.** HANDOUT

trating it. Martin Picard, for example, would start with a kilo of caviar accompanied by blinis followed by raw tuna and soy sauce.

It's a question I love hearing answered by chefs, but one I have no interest in responding to myself, perhaps because I'm embarrassed to admit my last supper would be KFC — hold the chicken, bring on the French fries with sides of gravy and that radioactive-looking coleslaw.

But the trouble with the apocalypse is that no one knows exactly when it will hit, which is precisely why some chefs' skill sets will have readied them well: Noma's Rene Redzepi, for example, could scavenge for edible bark, berries and maybe the occasional woodcock.

Hunting and foraging, however, would only last for so long in the world of *Mad Max*, which

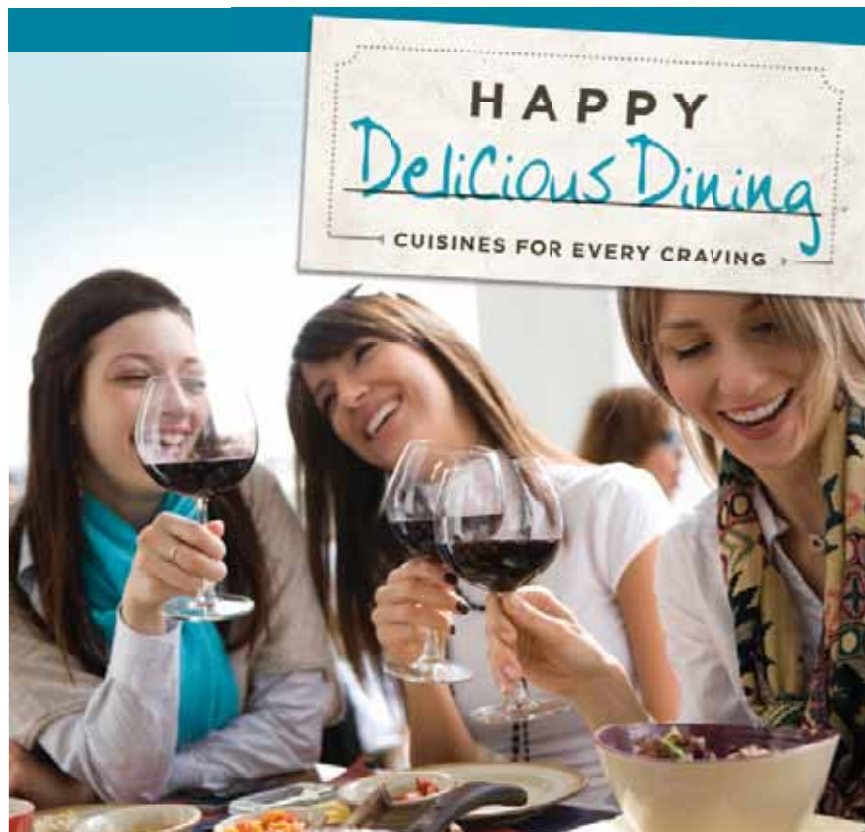
hasn't been seen on a screen in 30 years. *Fury Road*, which opens on May 15, marks creator and director George Miller's first live-action feature since *Babe 2: Pig in the City*.

In 1981's *Mad Max: The Road Warrior*, which I watched obsessively in my youth, Gibson's Max eats dog food out of a can. Now, that's more like it.

Beyoncé and Jay Z, with their 22-day vegan challenge, would have to adjust.

But I'd be just fine. I'd forage all of the Campbell's bean with bacon I could find.

Coincidentally, it smells exactly like dog food when it's first opened but with the addition of a little water and heat it transforms into a hearty meal. It goes better with a side of grilled cheese but hey, it's the end of the world. I'll take the soup.



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## Cycling to take over Montreal

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### Go Bike festival offers new way to see sights

A city that already carries the distinction of being North America's most bike-friendly city, Montreal puts its love of cycling on display at the end of May each year.

The week-long Go Bike Montreal Festival pays homage to that cycling culture, comprising a number of events

geared toward riders of all experiences and ages.

"Bicycles are now part of the DNA of Montreal," says Joelle Sevigny of Vélo Québec, which organizes the event. "It's quite an amazing experience to discover a city this way. It's quite a blast."

The May 24 to 31 Go Bike festival includes three major rides culminating with the marquee event: the Tour de l'Île de Montreal.

Into its 31st year, the island-wide tour allows riders to explore Montreal with a different route each year, extending through some 22 towns and

boroughs. You can go at your own pace — the tour has a variety of distances for all riders, ranging from 28 kilometres to 100 kilometres.

"It's the first gathering of the season," Sevigny says of the May 31 event. "Some people get out there and do the full route, but the idea is to just get out there and ride."

Several other events throughout the week can help you get warmed up.

Kicking off the event on May 24 is the Metropolitan Challenge, a recreational ride with no podium and no clock. This year's event will trace a

route that begins and ends in Chateauguay, Que., south of Montreal.

For those who prefer cycling under the stars, the Tour la Nuit is a 21-kilometre ride on May 29 and offers a unique, nocturnal experience. It drew 17,000 riders last year.

Sevigny says almost a quarter of the participants at the festival travel at least 40 kilometres to attend and many from even further.

"It's the only place in North America where we have a bike fest," Sevigny says. "The whole province of Quebec is really renowned for its festivals and

this event is very unique to the province."

In general, Montreal's reputation as a cycling tourism hot spot is growing, in part thanks to 600 kilometres of dedicated bike paths and the popular bike share program Bixi.

An Old Montreal bike shop and tour operator chalks it up to tourists wanting to sight-see differently. André Giroux, owner of Ca Roule, offers various rides and tours with themes like architecture, history and gastronomy.

This year, Giroux says he's adding a new street food bike tour to coincide with the recent

arrival of the foodie phenomenon. "Cycling is a new way to take in a city and people are always looking for alternative ways to see a town," Giroux said.

Colder weather doesn't necessarily spell an end to biking season: Sevigny says Montreal touts itself as a four-season biking city and her group has even organized a winter cycling event two years running.

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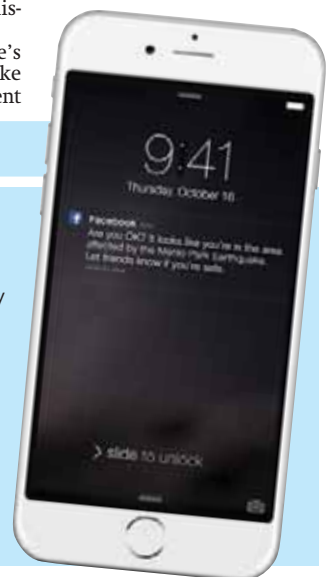
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# St. Lucia defines getaway holiday



ON THE MOVE

Loren Christie

Canadians seem programmed to seek out the Caribbean only when there is snow on the ground but the island of St. Lucia offers compelling reasons to take a summer vacation down south.

## BEAUTY

The most recognizable image of St. Lucia is of the picturesque and UNESCO-protected Pitons, a pair of lush volcanic spires rising out of the water on the southwest corner of the island. The hike to the top of Gros Piton is well worth the couple of hours it will take you.

Other areas of the island offer a stunning mix of rain-forest, beach and enough mountainous terrain to ensure jaw-dropping views from every vantage point.

## ACTIVITIES

St. Lucia is not considered one of the Caribbean's premiere scuba-diving destinations, but it should be.

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Other activities include rock climbing, zip-lining and lathering up in the vol-



Kick back at the Ladera Resort in St. Lucia. PETER REMUS

canic mud baths of Sulphur Springs Park, which is considered a rite of passage for any visitor to the island.

## CULTURE

Independent since 1979, the culture of St. Lucia remains a mix of French, British and Creole. The best way to experience it is to put yourself in the path of the friendly locals.

Chat with a vendor over a cup of coffee at the Saturday market in Soufrière or check out Jump Up, a street party complete with music, food and locally made rum that takes place every Friday night in the town of Castries.

## HOTELS

The island's hotels have created niches to suit every taste, whether you are traveling solo or as a family.

The stunning Ladera Re-

sort is a couples-only resort, which sets the standard for romantic getaways. With open-air rooms complete with furniture and case goods made by local wood carvers, giant showers tiled with playful mosaics and private plunge pools all uniquely positioned with a view between the Pitons, you can't help but get in the mood.

Rendezvous is another couples-only resort popular with people planning a destination wedding. The resort will make an exception for your single mother-in-law ... if you really want to bring her.

The BodyHoliday is a wellness resort on the northwest side of the island offering everything from massages to complete seven-day overhauls of your body, inside and out.

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A dive to the Lesleen 'M' Wreck in St. Lucia reveals a world of colour. HENLEY SPIERS/DIVE SAINT LUCIA

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# Canada crushes Belarus

**HOCKEY**  
**Canucks go to semis for first time in 6 years**

After five straight disappointing quarter-final defeats at the world hockey championship, Canada wasted little time ensuring there would not be a sixth early exit.

Defenceman Brent Burns scored just 27 seconds into the game en route to a four-point night, and Canada set the tone early in a dominant 9-0 thrashing of Belarus in a world championship quarter-final Thursday.

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CANADA BELARUS

“We wanted to start quickly,” said coach Todd McLellan. “We thought that some of the games that the Belarusians won, they were comfortable early.

“Sometimes the plan doesn’t go as laid out, but tonight it did. We scored right on the very first shift, then had some good shifts after that, so we had a chance to push a team back that maybe wasn’t sure of themselves.”

The impressive offensive showing moved Canada into the semifinals for the first time in six years. Canada will next face the Czech Republic on Saturday after the hosts beat



Sidney Crosby battles a pair of Belarus players, including Yevgeni Kovyrshin, left, for the puck in Prague on Thursday.  
MARTIN ROSE/GETTY IMAGES

Finland 5-3 in a later quarter-final.

“We had the opportunity to play a very hard game against the Czech team (in the preliminary round),” McLellan said. “Their advantage is playing in this building with their rabid fans behind them and the energy that they bring.”

Burns led Canada with two goals and two assists. Forward Tyler Seguin added three goals

**“We got beat by an excellent team that has high skill, great coaching and the ability to win in different ways.”** Belarus coach Dave Lewis

to move into a tie for the tournament lead with eight, while Ryan O’Reilly scored twice. Tyler Ennis and Jason Spezza also scored.

Canada now has a total of 58 goals over the first eight

games of the tournament, a new Canadian record since NHL players started participating in 1977. Canada scored 57 goals over 10 games in 1989.

“It’s nice to put ourselves in a position to get to the finals,”

team captain Sidney Crosby said. “The important thing is to get better every game, and at this point you’ve got to be at your best. It’s win or go home, so we did a good job today.”

Elsewhere, the United States advanced with a 3-1 win over Switzerland. The Americans will play a semifinal against Russia, which defeated Sweden 5-3. THE CANADIAN PRESS, WITH FILES FROM THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

**CFL**  
**Mitchell fined for Holocaust tweets**

Defensive lineman Khalif Mitchell has been fined undisclosed amounts by the Canadian Football League and the Montreal Alouettes for inappropriate posts on Twitter, including a link to a Holocaust denial video.

CFL commissioner Jeffrey Orridge said Mitchell violated the league’s social-media policy.

“There is absolutely no place in our league for commentary used to divide or disparage others along the lines of sex, race, religion or sexual orientation,” Orridge said in a statement.

“While we acknowledge that players have a right to hold and express their own opinions, in no circumstance do we condone activity or comments that are derogatory or inappropriate, putting the League’s reputation in question — and we feel Mr. Mitchell’s recent posts on social media have violated these principles.”

Alouettes president and CEO Mark Weightman said the team denounced Mitchell’s online posts.

“His postings are disappointing and in no way reflect the opinions and values of the Montreal Alouettes Football Club,” said Weightman. “His postings were completely unacceptable and the Alouettes apologize to anyone who was offended by them.”

B’nai Brith Canada alerted the Alouettes and the league to a series of tweets sent recently by Mitchell. It said Mitchell’s Twitter feed was “replete with bizarre postings and outlandish conspiracy theories, comparisons of police officers to the Ku Klux Klan and hateful videos denying the Holocaust.” THE CANADIAN PRESS



Khalif Mitchell GETTY IMAGES

## Union urges Goodell to appoint a neutral arbitrator

Tom Brady appealed his four-game suspension for his role in using deflated footballs during the AFC championship game, and the players’ union immediately urged commissioner Roger Goodell to appoint a neutral arbitrator to hear the case.

The expected appeal was filed by the NFL Players Association on Thursday about an hour before the 5 p.m. deadline. The league’s collective bargaining agreement stipu-

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NICKNAME IS HOT AIR

Team attorney Daniel Goldberg said the “Deflator” nickname used by a ballboy and cited in the discipline was about weight loss, not footballs.

The two employees used the term jokingly to refer to locker-room attendant Jim McNally, who was trying to lose weight, Goldberg said.

lates that it will be decided by commissioner Roger Goodell or a person he designates.

“Given the NFL’s history of inconsistency and arbitrary decisions in disciplinary matters, it is only fair that a neutral arbitrator hear this appeal,”

the union said in a news release.

The union did not detail specifics of the appeal in its release.

The NFL announced the quarterback’s suspension on Monday, also fining the New England Patriots \$1 million and taking away two draft picks.

Brady’s appeal only deals with the suspension and must be heard within 10 days. The team has not said if it will appeal its penalties before next

Thursday.

League-appointed investigator Ted Wells found that Brady was “at least generally aware” of plans by two team employees to prepare the balls to his liking, below the league-mandated minimum of 12.5 pounds per square inch.

In a 20,000-word rebuttal to the league’s findings published Thursday, a Patriots lawyer disputed the conclusions on matters of science, logic and law.

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# Phillies keen to cash in on trio

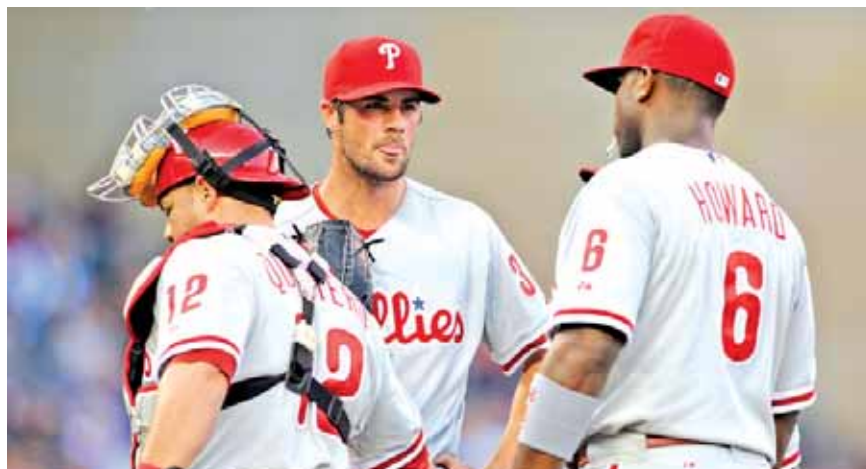
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## Papelbon, Hamels and Howard could go if deal is right

Cole Hamels, Jonathan Papelbon and Ryan Howard could shake up the pennant race this October. If they change uniforms.

The ace, the closer and the slugger are making a team on pace for another last-place finish one to watch for all the wrong reasons. Each player has been available for a while, but they're still on the Philadelphia Phillies because general manager Ruben Amaro Jr. hasn't found the right deal for various reasons.

"We're not trying to make the perfect deal. In any deal we make, to put it bluntly, both sides have to be winners," team president Pat Gillick told The Associated Press on Wednesday. "People think you make a deal to take advantage of someone else. No, that isn't the case because you want to go back and have repeat business with that person. When you're making a deal, you want to make a fair



Cole Hamels, Ryan Howard and other Phillies could be on the move this season with last-place Philadelphia expected to clean house. HANNAH FOSILEN/GETTY IMAGES

deal. He's not looking to make a deal that's going to bring the house down."

Hamels, a three-time all-star and the 2008 World Series MVP, should bring the Phillies the best return. The 31-year-old lefty has three years and \$73.5 million left on his contract, \$87.5 million if his 2019 option kicks in. He's a proven big-game pitcher who dominated in the post-

season. Hamels is 3-3 with a 3.53 ERA in eight starts and has a limited no-trade clause.

Boston, St. Louis and Toronto are often mentioned in trade rumours for Hamels. The Red Sox have the worst staff ERA in the AL. The Cardinals lost Adam Wainwright for the season.

The Blue Jays never replaced Marcus Stroman. Other teams including the Los Angeles Dod-

gers and Chicago Cubs and White Sox could be interested.

The Phillies certainly want top prospects in return for Hamels, but perhaps it won't take as many high-level players as reports have indicated.

"We haven't got an offer that's commensurate with his ability," Gillick said of Hamels.

Papelbon has been excellent, converting all seven of his save

**“**  
**We haven't got an offer that's commensurate with his ability**

Phillies team president Pat Gillick on Cole Hamels

chances with a 1.26 ERA after 39 saves in 43 tries in 2014. On Wednesday night, he surpassed Jose Mesa to become the franchise's all-time saves leader with 113.

He also is Boston's franchise leader with 219. Papelbon already has made it clear he wants to play for a contender.

Howard would've been traded long ago if the Phillies found any takers. His contract — \$25 million this season with \$35 million more owed for 2016 and a buyout — and decline in production make the 2006 NL MVP difficult to move. Howard is batting .211 with six homers and 15 RBIs. Despite his low average, he's on pace for 28 homers and could help an AL team that needs power and wants to use him as a DH.

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## IN BRIEF

### Rout sates Tigers' thirst after low-scoring run

Miguel Cabrera and the Detroit Tigers were due for a game like this. Cabrera homered twice and drove in five runs, and Anibal Sanchez pitched eight sharp innings as the Tigers beat the Minnesota Twins 13-1 on Thursday.

Detroit scored seven runs in its previous four games before nearly doubling that total in the series finale.

"We've been kind of waiting for this, I think everybody has," manager Brad Ausmus said.

THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

### Callahan back on the ice

Tampa Bay forward Ryan Callahan was back on the ice Thursday, 72 hours after undergoing an emergency appendectomy that sidelined him for Game 6 of the Lightning's second-round playoff series with Montreal.

Callahan skated during a light practice coach Jon Cooper held before traveling to New York, where Tampa Bay will meet the Rangers in the Eastern Conference final, beginning Saturday. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

BPL SOCCER

## Liverpool legend Gerrard 'dreading' last match at Anfield



Steven Gerrard GETTY IMAGES FILE

Ask Liverpool fans what they'll miss most about Steven Gerrard when he leaves for the United States and they'll reel off a list of qualities that made their long-time captain one of the most revered players in English soccer.

The spectacular goals. Those

surging runs into the box. His indomitable spirit. His devotion to the club.

Gerrard is regarded as a humble hometown icon in these parts, and that will ensure there will be an outpouring of emotion on Saturday when he plays at Anfield for the final

time in a Liverpool shirt. Such is the demand for tickets for Gerrard's home farewell that some are being sold for more than 2,500 pounds (\$3,950) on the internet.

"I've been dreading this moment," Gerrard said Thursday, looking ahead to the game

against Crystal Palace. "I'm going to miss it. The aim is to stay strong and avoid a few tears."

Since making his debut in 1998 as a fresh-faced 18-year-old midfielder wearing a jersey far too big for him, Gerrard has played 708 games for Liverpool and scored 185 goals. He cap-

tained Liverpool to the Champions League title in 2005 — "the best night of my life, the pinnacle professionally" — and was voted the club's best player in a poll on its website in 2013.

His final game will be against Stoke on May 24. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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- 1 tsp minced garlic
- 1/2 tsp chili powder
- 1 cup canned, drained and rinsed white kidney beans
- 1/3 cup chicken stock
- 1/2 cup medium salsa
- 1 cup thinly sliced cooked chicken breast
- 1 cup shredded lettuce
- 1/2 cup grated old white cheddar or Monterey Jack cheese
- 3/4 cup diced tomatoes
- 2 Tbsp minced onion
- 1 Tbsp chopped cilantro
- 2 tsp vegetable oil

• 1/2 avocado sliced thinly

#### Directions

1. Preheat oven to 450 F. Line a baking sheet with foil and place tacos overtop.
2. In small skillet, sauté onions, garlic and chili powder for 3 minutes. Add beans and stock, cover and simmer for 5 minutes. Purée beans in food processor. Add more water if too thick. Set aside.
3. Meanwhile, bake tacos for 5 minutes, just until lightly toasted.
4. Divide bean purée over tacos. Add dollops of salsa. Divide chicken, lettuce and cheese over tacos.
5. In a small bowl, combine tomatoes, minced onion, cilantro and oil. Divide over tacos and add garnish with sliced avocado. Serve immediately.

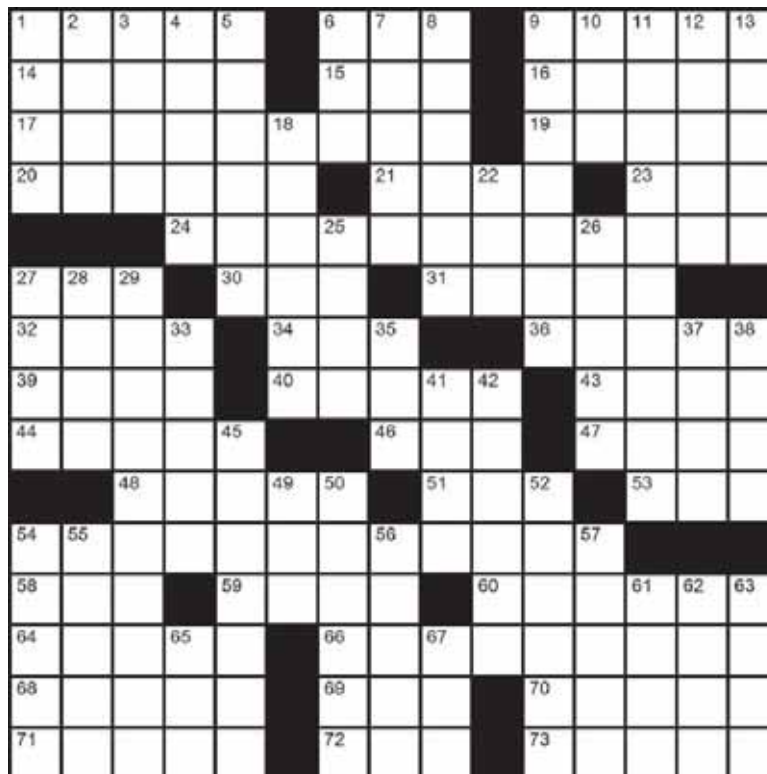
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14. Ten per cent church donation
15. Hound's hoover
16. French singer Ms. Piaf
17. Shoulder decoration, as on a military uniform
19. Cheese-topped chip
20. "\_\_\_": Fury Road" (2015) starring Charlize Theron
21. Gael, for one
23. Wine aperitif
24. Anna Kendrick's new musical comedy, "\_\_\_ 2" (2015)
27. \_\_\_ Leppard
30. Soft & \_\_\_ (Antiperspirant)
31. Hold off
32. Roman love poet
34. Billy Joel's "Just the Way You \_\_\_"
36. Hotel's main floor area
39. \_\_\_ Coburg-Gotha (Former royal house)
40. 1811 Jane Austen novel, \_\_\_ and Sensibility
43. Title lady of Starship's 1986 chart-topper
44. After lunchtime time, e.g.: 2 wds.
46. Mr. Cherry
47. Glance over
48. Wanders
51. Bus driver's



- path, briefly
53. Brewery container
54. Those who have become sensations on the 'Broadcast Yourself' website: 2 wds.
58. Facing [abbr.]
59. One-of-a-kind
60. Just to be on the

- safe side....: 2 wds.
64. Bit of "O Canada" in French: "Car ton bras sait porter le \_\_\_ / Il sait porter la croix!"
66. Veronica Tennant or Karen Kain
68. Krispy \_\_\_ Doughnuts
69. Anger

70. 18-wheelers
71. \_\_\_ Wrap (Kitchen roll)
72. Call for
73. Petulant

### DOWN

1. Thingy
2. Palm used for basketry or thatching

10. Harem room
11. "How You Remind Me" band from Hanna, Alberta
12. Strong work \_\_\_
13. "SCTV" alum Martin
18. Additional things
22. Allow
25. Wax: French
26. Dental care purchase
27. "I can only \_\_\_ much." (I need assistance!)
28. Diana Ross' son married to Ashlee Simpson
29. In-need-of-work real estate listing
33. Bus station
35. Terminate
37. Hillside in Scotland
38. Yin and \_\_\_
41. Variety
42. Necessitate
45. Canadian contralto legend Ms. Forrester
49. Entrepreneur's deg.
50. Where Belgrade is the capital
52. Mr. Borgnine
54. Inners of eggs
55. Music for #45-Down
56. Department store chain
57. Loose rock at a cliff's base
61. Focuses
62. Dither
63. Simple
65. \_\_\_ Savahl (Culture brand)
67. Albanian currency

## IT'S ALL IN THE STARS by Sally Brompton

**Aries** March 21 - April 20  
This is one of the best times of the year for getting things done. Even the smallest effort on your part will yield remarkable results over the next three or four days, so go for it!

**Taurus** April 21 - May 21  
You must be decisive today. You must draw up a plan and follow it through to completion. Deal firmly with those who get in your way. Be ruthless if you have to — there's a lot at stake.

**Gemini** May 22 - June 21  
Wherever you go and whatever you do Lady Luck will smile on you today. But don't use that as an excuse to go places or do things that put you at some sort of risk. You may be lucky but you are not invincible.

**Cancer** June 22 - July 23  
The whole world could be against you today and you won't care a bit: in fact you will enjoy being the odd one out. You are looking for a challenge, the kind that no one expects you to win. Watch their faces when you succeed!

**Leo** July 24 - Aug. 23  
Anything is possible and according to the planets there is one thing you want above all else at the moment. Jupiter in your sign endows you with huge self-belief, so success is all but guaranteed.

**Virgo** Aug. 24 - Sept. 23  
You have to tell someone you like something that you know is going to hurt their feelings. Get it over with quickly. One day they will thank you for being so honest.

**Libra** Sept. 24 - Oct. 23  
Whatever challenges come your way today you will deal with them with ease. This is one of those occasions when you need to be pushed to your limits and beyond. And what a Libra needs a Libra gets.

**Scorpio** Oct. 24 - Nov. 22  
Try to be a bit more assertive today. Let people in positions of power know that you are not the sort of person they can kick around. You don't have to be rude but you do have to stand up for yourself.

**Sagittarius** Nov. 23 - Dec. 21  
Jupiter in the sympathetic sign of Leo means you will make your own decisions and take whatever risks you think are necessary. You won't doubt for a moment that you are doing the right thing. And you are.

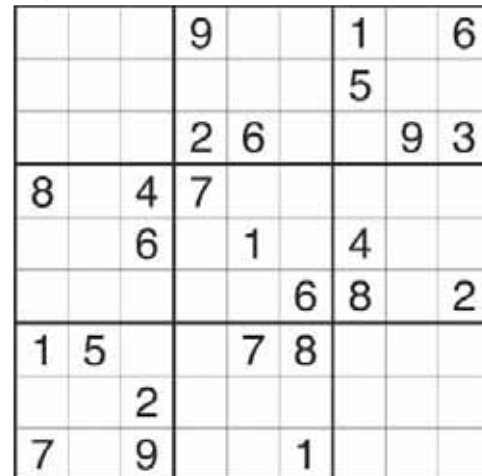
**Capricorn** Dec. 22 - Jan. 20  
It does not matter that others say something cannot be done — if you want it enough you will find a way to get it. Stop worrying and start looking ahead and planning where you are going to be.

**Aquarius** Jan. 21 - Feb. 19  
With Jupiter moving through the partnership area of your chart you need only click your fingers for others to come running. Make the most of it — it won't last.

**Pisces** Feb. 20 - March 20  
You will get through so much work today that some people may wonder aloud if you are on some kind of stimulant! You're not, of course, but you are certainly in one of those moods when you feel almost superhuman. Up, up and away!

## CONCEPTIS SUDOKU by Dave Green

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